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RED REBELS CAPTURE CANTON.

SUNDAY'S DRAMATIC COUP.

PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS DISARM POLICE.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FLEE TO HONAM ISLAND.

LOOTING AND BURNING.

The startling reports which reached Hongkong last night of a Labour-Communist coup at Canton yesterday have been fully confirmed to-day in authoritative messages from that city.

The rebels, who have styled themselves "The Workers, Peasants and Soldiers' Army," took advantage of the absence of troops from the city and carried out a successful raid and attack on the Police Headquarters, disarming the police and causing all Government officials to flee to Honam for safety.

The "Reds" who carried out the coup indulged in much pillaging and looting and were the cause of many incendiary fires breaking out. It is impossible at the moment to get a clear idea of the conditions prevailing in the city, but the populace is terror-stricken and all business is at a standstill.

Communications with Hongkong have been interrupted, there being no through train service and only the delayed arrival of boats from Canton.

Latest reports state that there was much fighting last night, when General Li Fuk-lum, who had held out at Honam, attempted to regain control of Canton city. Early this morning some of General Li's troops crossed the river and succeeded in re-capturing the Police Headquarters.

LI FUK-LUM'S COUNTER-ATTACK.

Authoritative news of the happenings came to hand last night in messages from Canton, which state that Communists numbering about 20,000 secured complete control of the city and were looting and burning. Members of the Government all fled to Honam, which at the time of writing had not been taken.

A later message stated that Communists and "Red" labour unionists, taking advantage of the absence of troops on the West River front, seized control of the city. They were assisted by a certain number of revolting troops. They disarmed the police and called out the crews of all river steamers. Communication with Hongkong was thus temporarily disconnected. So far, there had been no anti-foreign agitation.

It was explained in a further message that owing to intimidation, difficulty was experienced in sailing the Hongkong steamers. The crews of the Sai On and Tai Shan refused to sail, while the ships were at the wharf, whereupon an armed party, supported by H.M.S. Moerhen, brought back ships to the harbour, when the crews went back to work. The message added that looting was prevalent in the city and all police appeared to have been disarmed. There is little doubt that Communists caused the trouble, taking advantage of the absence of troops.

REDS STILL IN CONTROL.

"Ironclads" May Return.

No respite from the Communist reign of terror has yet been manifested, according to an official naval message sent from Canton late last night. Looting and burning is taking place all over the city, an anarchist group having taken complete control of the situation, the absence of troops enabling them to continue their lawlessness without hindrance. The police endeavoured to resist, but they were powerless against the general surprise of the attack and the majority have been shot or disarmed.

The members of the Government have taken refuge for the time being on Honam Island, but it is believed that General Wong Ki-cheung will bring back "Ironclads" to the city as soon as possible and the Communist coup will, it is thought, be short-lived.

In conclusion, General Li points out that while he is still supporting Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, he strongly objects to his former chief co-operating with a "Red" like Wang Ching-wei.—Nam Chung Pao.

LI FUK-LUM HITS BACK.

Police Headquarters Retaken.

With the arrival in Hongkong this afternoon of the s.s. Tai Shan it is learned that there was much fighting in the vicinity of the river last night, when General Li Fuk-lum's troops endeavoured to cross over from Honam and regain control of the situation.

Early this morning, as the Tai Shan was leaving, many of General Li's troops were seen on the East Bund, a crossing having been successfully effected. It was reported that after much attacking Li's troops recaptured the Police Headquarters from the "Reds."

It is said by to-day's passengers that at least 50 big fires have broken out in the city.

Latest News.

The Tai Shan reports that although the firemen of the vessel were intimidated, they later returned to work after naval ratings had berthed the ship off the Shamen.

Reports are to the effect that both the Japanese Hospital and the Central Bank are among the buildings involved in the general conflagration.

A large fire in the vicinity of the Power Station burnt throughout the whole of Sunday, and during the afternoon Chinese gunboats in the river opened fire on the Bund in that area. All sampans and river craft went down river for safety, while a Japanese cruiser, presumably from Swatow, passed upward, packed with troops.

It is understood that all police were disarmed by the "Reds" and many prisoners were seen to be marching along the waterfront in handcuffs.

From other sources it is learned that 1,000 of the "Ironclads" have gone over to the "Reds," while masses of troops were observed to be concentrating on the Honam side.

A refugee doctor arriving by the Tai Shan said the rear wall of the Police Bureau was attacked and wrecked by the "Reds" on Saturday evening, with the consequence that all prisoners were liberated, and these, possessing themselves of arms, added to the looting forces and general terrorism. The doctor states that he left the city to "save life," but was not prevented from boarding the Tai Shan. He left his house in charge of his servants, with property valued at approximately \$5,000, bringing with him only two suitcases and a tied blanket.

The majority of the passengers showed signs of hasty departure, few having more than a single bundle with them.

VARIOUS DETAILS.

Big Fires Break Out.

According to Chinese reports, Canton is now completely controlled by "Reds" labourers and peasants who secured the upper hand after disarming the police.

There have been several fires, including three big outbreaks on the eastern side of the city, and one which is said to have gutted the Central Bank, on the Bund. However, the report that the Central Bank has been destroyed has not been confirmed. Stories have been brought down by passengers on the s.s. Sai On last night, were to the effect that a huge blaze was in the vicinity of the Bank. Wang Ki, but there is every indication that the "Reds" and Shamen were taking precautions by closing the two bridges leading to the city. No one was allowed to enter Shamen during the conflagration.

General Li Chung-jen, the Nanking military leader, has just issued a public statement strongly denouncing Wang Ching-wei, the Red coup in Canton was known to Wang Ching-wei, the foremost "Leftist" leader, for before the coup Wang is said to have telegraphed to Chang Kai-shek and Wang Ki-cheung, and they had invited to Canton to help the "Red" peasants, whom Wang Ki-cheung was summoned to return to Canton in this connection.

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How the Coup Started.

The firing of shots was first heard in Canton early yesterday, at about 4 a.m. on the east, north and south sides of the city. The shooting was continuous and, at times, it was accompanied by the firing of machine guns. People in the city were panic-stricken and when the news reached the mer-

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CAPTAIN LALOR'S SAD PLIGHT.

DIFFICULTY OF GETTING IN TOUCH.

NEW HOPE HELD OUT.

The knowledge that Capt. W. G. Lalor is wounded and is lying helpless, imprisoned in a sampan in one of the many deserted creeks in the Shasi region, without attention, has rendered his early release a matter of much graver concern.

Unfortunately the fear of probable military action has led the bandit chief to establish an elaborately long chain of intermediaries, and it is impossible to say when he will come out into the open.

In spite of the extraordinarily difficult nature of the negotiations, Mr. Forbes Tocher has been unceasingly labouring on behalf of the unfortunate master of the s.s. Siang Tan, and he now hold out the hope that a rendezvous will be arranged to-day (Monday).

Capt. W. G. Lalor has been in the hands of the bandits for over eleven days, the attack on his

SHANGHAI TERRORISM.

Authorities Seek Public Assistance.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

The authorities are asking the public to give their help to the fullest extent in order to prevent labour disorders.

The situation is tense. Four tramway officials have been murdered up to now, and on the French tramways, a sympathy strike is feared.

The radicals are threatening more acute terrorist tactics if their demands be not granted.—Our Own Correspondent.

steamer just below Ichang taking place on the night of Wednesday, November 30. After consenting to hand him over on payment of \$20,000 last week, the bandits are holding out for increased ransom and have been keeping constantly on the move in order to avoid possible military intervention.

London, Dec. 11.

In a quiet little flat on Auckland Road, Southsea, a pale anxious-faced woman half dreads and half welcomes every knock at her door. She is Mrs. Lalor, who married the missing captain the day he sailed for China.

In an interview yesterday she remarked: "I am prepared to go to China whenever my husband wants me. I don't think that will be till he is out of danger."—Reuter.

Gunboats in Touch.

It was established yesterday that Mr. Tocher is now at Shasi but has not yet succeeded in ending Capt. Lalor. Two British gunboats are within easy reach and these are keeping communication open.

General Yang Sen's interest in the matter has apparently increased as he is reported to have telegraphed General Wang at Shasi to work to try and establish contact with the bandits. General Wang has also communicated with Mr. Tocher and has expressed the hope that he shortly hopes to locate the missing captain.

A letter received by the gunboat H.M.S. Mantia says that Capt. Lalor is near Shasi and is confined in a creek. The bandit's agents have suggested that Mr. Tocher should go to this creek and discuss the ransom.

This was considered unsafe for Mr. Tocher, however, and latest information is that he has offered to meet the bandits on neutral ground, guaranteeing the \$20,000 ransom provided that Capt. Lalor is handed over without further delay.

The proposed meeting between Mr. Tocher and the bandit's agents was to take place on Saturday morning, but up to the present no news has been received concerning this.

RED ATROCITIES.

EXCESSES IN SWATOW REGION.

COMMUNITIES BUTCHERED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Dec. 9.
Refugees have been coming into Swatow from the districts of Hail-feng and Lufeng, with tales of horrible barbarities perpetrated by the Reds in those parts.

The remnants of the Red armies which were turned out of Swatow in October, went to the south-west, and joined the local Peasants' Army, a small force of a few hundred strong. The combined force began to put approved Communist doctrines into action; the communities of the land were ordered to be proceeded with by ploughing up the narrow divisions of the fields, and title deeds were ordered to be delivered up and publicly burnt.

Men suspected of having any means were held to ransom; torture and death, by slicing to pieces, are said to have been practised; and in the larger places where any opposition might have been feared the army was turned loose to burn and loot.

The port of Shanhai suffered severely, but the most horrible occurrences took place at a town a few miles away called Chieh Cheng.

Here the inhabitants, trusting to some cannon which had been brought from Hweichow after its long siege, resisted the Communist Army; but their ammunition was limited, the town was taken, and ruthlessly destroyed. Forty citizens were beheaded, and their heads after being exposed were carried in baskets to the District City. Thence they were taken and set out before the defences of Chieh Shih, a sea port which was once a fortified place, and which in this instance held off the attack until a ying of soldiers was sent down from Swatow. The soldiers are said to have advanced from Chieh Shih, and to have had some sort of an engagement at Huihai.

Swatow Conditions.

Swatow remains under the command of General Li Chai-sum for the present, and is largely denuded of troops, some having been sent to hold a possible advance of the Reds from the south-west, others to ward off any attack from Canton down the Han river. The situation is, however, both uncertain and obscure.

Meanwhile peasant Communist gangs are active in the countryside, kidnapping wealthy members of the community, and murdering them if any pursuit is attempted. It seems to have been isolated gangs of this kind that cut off the water supply a week ago, and at same time cut the railway line and telegraph wires between here and Chaochowfu. The water was off for about forty-eight hours, and people were anxious lest the Communist threat to start fires in Swatow should be carried out. The railway was repaired more quickly.

But when news came in from the places that had been cut off, it appeared that in Ampou and other places advantage had been taken of the break in communication to carry out extensive robberies, accompanied with murder and violence. While there is at present no sign that the authorities can cope with the anarchy of the countryside, there is also no indication that the Communists, except in the south-west, are numerous or closely knit together. The peril lies in their activity when the troops are engaged in fighting elsewhere, and in the foothold they give to any Red army which may advance.

Any force advancing to attack the present command would undoubtedly use them, and at the same time recompense them with permission to loot.

BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET.

NO FURTHER TALK FOR THE PRESENT.

Geneva, Dec. 11.

Sir Austen Chamberlain indicated to British Journalists that there was no prospect at present of further conversations between him and M. Litvinoff.

Britain wanted proofs that the abuses complained of had ceased.—Reuter.

"RUNNING WILD" AT HANKOW.

UNIVERSAL SHOOTING AND LOOTING.

BANDITS OVERRUN THE COUNTRY NEAR SHASI.

KIUKIANG TENSION STAYS.

To-day's news from all parts of China tells of unrest, and this is particularly marked in the Yangtze region, where conditions appear to be going rapidly from bad to worse.

At Hankow, a condition of turmoil prevails, hooligans running wild, with frequent street fights, looting, shooting, and a general outbreak of Communism, which the military commander appears to be powerless to control. The situation is described as serious.

From Shasi comes a report that bandits are overrunning the district, committing excesses unchecked. These include the wholesale sacking of villages, in which houses are being burned down and the inhabitants massacred.

The arrest at Kiukiang is reflected in increased hostility towards the British, following the recent incident, when a British naval guard ejected a number of coolies, who had boarded a B. and S. pontoon, and who attempted to tear down the bridge from the pontoon to the shore. The local military are holding indignation meetings, but nothing very serious has yet transpired.

In an interview, at Shanghai, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek stated that the Kuomintang had appointed him to carry out the huge task of unifying the Party, and eliminating Marshal Chang Tso-lin. He declared that unless the Soviet ceased its present subversive activities, the Nationalist Government would be compelled to break off relations with Moscow, which would entail the closure of all Soviet consulates in Nationalist territory.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK WARNS SOVIET.

Hankow, Dec. 11.

The absence of effective control following the refusal of General Chen Chien and General Li Chung-yan to compromise, is reflected in the increasing activity of Communist agents.

Tumult prevails in the native city, and though it is impossible to say exactly what is going on, the situation is serious.

Street fights are frequent, hooligan gangs are reported to be running wild, shooting and looting, and at present little is being done to combat the Communists.

General Li Chung-yan is an anti-Communist, but in present circumstances he is powerless to move in the matter.—Naval Wireless.

SERIOUS SHASI EVENTS.

Bandits Overrun District.

Shasi, Dec. 11.

Many bandit gangs are active in the vicinity of Shasi, the whole district being terrorised. No effective military measures to combat them have been taken, and people are fleeing from the villages to the town to escape them.

Many villages have been attacked, the inhabitants being murdered and the houses burned down. The situation is serious.—Naval Wireless.

THE KIUKIANG INCIDENT.

"Indignation" Against British.

Kiukiang, Dec. 11.

The incident at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's pontoon on Friday, when coolies, who had been cleared off the pontoon, endeavoured to tear down the bridge between the pontoon and shore, and were dispersed by a British naval guard—three coolies being slightly injured when they resisted—is leading to agitation against the British in the city.

The local military have been holding indignation meetings, but as yet they have confined their activity to preventing coolies from returning to work.

The authorities are watching the situation closely, in case further trouble should develop.—Naval Wireless.

CHIANG AND THE SOVIET.

A Warning to Russia.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of an interview, stated that unless the Soviet discontinues its intrigues against China the Nationalist Government will be compelled to break off relations, necessitating the closure of the Soviet Consulates in Nationalist territory.

Marshal Chiang confirmed the report that the Kuomintang leaders had made him responsible for the tremendous task of reorganising the Nationalist Government, adding "I intend to exert myself to the utmost to enforce peace in Nationalist territory and to resume the campaign against Marshal Chang Tso-lin, upon whose elimination depends peace throughout China."

Marshal Chiang expressed his disbelief that Japan is planning another military expedition against Shantung, remarking that the last adventure in Shantung had detrimentally affected the position of the Japanese Government in its home politics; also that the Japanese people want to preserve friendly relations with the Chinese.

Marshal Chiang expressed the opinion that Japan, Russia and Germany were "negotiating for the purpose of forming a political bloc in order to offset certain European alliances," but he refused to state what alliances.—Reuter.

HOW POWERS CAN AID.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland's Views.

London, Dec. 11.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland, in an article entitled "China's Future," in the Morning Post, writes:

"By putting the vital interests of the Chinese people before the selfish interests of the political factions, and the adoption of certain concerted measures (not necessarily extensive or expensive) to restrict the movements of bandits and rival forces along certain main lines of communication, the Powers could soon effect a great improvement in the present deplorable conditions. Japan appears ready and willing to co-operate to this end."—Reuter.

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R.A.F. MAN KILLED IN KOWLOON.

VICTIM OF A MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.

A sad motor fatality occurred on Prince Edward Road, Kowloon on Saturday night when a motor cycle combination, driven by Mr. D. S. Pethick struck a heap of earth on the side of the road, causing the sidecar occupant, Leading Aircraftman French, who was stationed at the R.A.F. quarters, Cameron Road, to be killed instantaneously.

It appears that the two men met at a dance held at Kowloon Dock and they decided to go for a spin on Mr. Pethick's Harley Davidson combination. Mr. Pethick drove the machine and L. A. C. French rode in the sidecar.

At about a quarter past eleven the two men set out, first of all proceeding towards Kowloon City and then turning into Prince Edward Road. All went well until they arrived at the junction with Montague Ede Avenue at which place the road has been narrowed down considerably by a heap of earth which is piled on one side in connexion with work that is being carried out there.

The cycle struck the side of this heap of earth and what happened immediately afterwards is not very clear. The combination continued on its course for a distance of something like 98 feet and stopped with Mr. Pethick still mounted. The body of L.A.C. French was found on the road a distance of some 70 feet from the point where the machine struck the earth and there was every indication that he had hit the ground violently with his head, causing instant death. Mr. Pethick suffered minor injuries and the combination was damaged considerably.

It is not clear at the moment whether L.A.C. French jumped from the sidecar or was flung out and further difficulty is experienced in reconstructing the accident by the fact that his body was found 70 feet from the place where the machine struck and 18 feet behind the point where the machine stopped.

He was immediately taken to the Kowloon Hospital but life was found to be extinct and his body was then removed to the mortuary.

The funeral takes place to-day.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd. was held in London on the 6th December, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1927, was submitted.

The following is an extract from the Directors' report:

The net result of the year's transaction shows a balance to the credit of Profit & Loss Account of £400,839—made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits	£350,088
Interest in Europe	15,360
Agency Fees	6,000
Sundries	147
Balance brought forward (less sundry items)	240,109
	611,704

Deduct.	
Expenses in Europe	£15,775
Directors' Fees	4,200
Exchange	36,853
Income Tax	84,132
Interim Div. paid 6/8/27	70,000
	210,755

Leaving a net balance of £400,839

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:

Final Dividend of 10% (free of Income Tax)	£140,000
Directors' Percentage	4,492
Balance carried forward	256,447
	£400,939

OBITUARY.

MRS. LO CHEUNG-SHIU.

The death occurred on Saturday morning at her residence, No. 20 Conduit Road, of Mrs. Lo Cheung-shiu, the wife of Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, J.P., who was formerly commander to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mrs. Lo is the mother of the well-known local solicitors, Messrs. M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo and Horace Lo. Another son is Mr. M. H. Lo, who is the assistant commander of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Miss Enid Lo, prominent in lawn tennis circles, is a daughter, as also are Mrs. Ho Leung, Mrs. Ho Ki, and Mrs. C. Choa.

The late Mrs. Lo, who was fifty-eight years of age, had been an invalid for some time. A few years ago she proceeded to England for treatment, but returned without profiting much by the trip.

The sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the family in their sad bereavement.

The funeral takes place to-day, the hearse leaving No. 20 Conduit Road at 3.30 p.m., and making a halt at the University Cricket Ground, which will be reached at 4.30 p.m. The remains will be buried at the Mount Davis Cemetery.

Dr. Wan Man-kai.

The death occurred yesterday morning at his residence at No. 28 Caine Road of Dr. Wan Man-kai, a well-known Chinese medical practitioner.

The late Dr. Wan Man-kai was born in Hongkong and was 58 years of age. He was one of the first Chinese doctors to practise Western methods of healing in the Colony.

Dr. Wan was educated at the Central School in Hongkong, and later at the Tientsin Medical College. On leaving Tientsin, he proceeded to Canton where he served in the Canton Hospital for a few years as a colleague of the late Dr. John G. Kerr, who founded the hospital, as well as the Canton Asylum.

He then returned to Tientsin, and was appointed a lecturer at the Medical College, and in 1897 he came back to Hongkong. For a time after his return, he was house surgeon of the Netherlands Hospital, and afterwards at the Alice Memorial Hospital. In 1902 he started a private practice of his own at No. 12 D'Aguilar Street and up to the time of his death, he had occupied the same office.

The late Dr. Wan was a Justice of Peace, as well as a member of the Board of Education. He was also a member of the District Watchmen's Committee and a few years ago he was Committee member of Po Leung Kuk. He also served on the Sanitary Board.

A few days ago, Dr. Wan contracted influenza and his condition rapidly became worse. He passed away at 5.55 a.m. yesterday, death being due to cerebral congestion and influenza.

Dr. Wan leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters, for whom the deepest sympathy will be felt. Of the sons, two are medical practitioners, these being Drs. Y. S. Wan and Dr. Ying Wan. Another son, Mr. I. S. Wan is a chemist, and one is studying dentistry in London, while the fifth is receiving his education at St. Stephen's College.

The funeral will take place to-day at 1 p.m., the coffin leaving No. 28 Caine Road at 1 p.m. sharp. It is learned that the funeral procession will proceed direct to the burial ground at Pokfulam and will not take any circuitous route as is usual. The procession will stop for a while outside the University Recreation ground.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

FOUR HOUSES GUTTED AT WEST POINT.

At 1.25 on Sunday morning, a fire broke out in Sai On Lane near the Tai Ping Theatre, as a result of which four houses were razed to the ground.

Exactly how the conflagration started is not yet known. When the flames were first observed, there was a mild panic in the Tai Ping Theatre, where a show was going on and a rush was made for the various exits. Fortunately no casualties resulted through this scramble, although, it is learned, several people received minor injuries.

Actually the fire was a good hundred yards to the east of the theatre. The houses involved were about fifty feet below Queen's Road West, and were used as a godown. The fire first involved two houses in Sai On Lane, and later the flames enveloped two other houses standing at the rear of those which were alight.

Three engines from the Central Fire Station were quickly on the scene, and later the West Point engine and one from Wanchai also helped in the work of fire fighting. The district, where the fire broke out, is unusually crowded and the work of the firemen consisted mainly of playing the hoses on buildings adjacent to the burning houses, in order to localise the fire.

Superintendent H. T. Brooks and Station Officer G. C. Moss were amongst the first to arrive on the scene. It is learned that one of the houses involved was stored with paper, and this burned fiercely.

After almost an hour's work, the conflagration was subdued. Yesterday many people were at the scene of the outbreak gazing at the charred remains of the four houses.

NANKING ECHO.

PROTECTION OF AMERICANS IN CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 11.

Stressing the multitudinous duties of the Navy, the Secretary for the Navy, in his annual report, says the personnel has been so reduced that one ship could not be commissioned until another had dry-docked the process seriously affecting the Fleet's efficiency.

The report states that the protection of Americans in China has been most difficult and has required the greatest tact, patience and calm judgment in the face of tremendous provocation and insult.

The principal clash occurred at Nanking on March 24. It could not be doubted that the attack on the foreigners was premeditated and carefully planned by organized troops and similarly that prompt and energetic action by the British and American fleets prevented the wholesale massacre of foreigners.—Reuter's American Service.

ORGAN RECITAL.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of an organ recital to be given by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., on Tuesday, at 5.45 in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

1.—Prelude and Fugue in C. Minor,Bach.

2.—Evening Song,Bach.

3.—(a) Song Without Words,Holloway.

(b) To a Wild Rose,Macdowell.

4.—March Solennelle,Tschaiowsky.

HYMN 268.

Collection for the Organ Fund.

5.—The Question,Wolstenholm.

6.—Spring Song,Hollins.

7.—Festal Offertorium,Fletcher.

LOCAL WEDDING.

WAILES—BALDWIN.

In the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, including H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi, General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Luard, Mrs. Pearson, wife of Commodore Pearson, Group Captain Robertson, R.A.F., and Col. Hayley Bell, the wedding between Lieut. J. D. B. Wailes, R.N., son of Col. and Mrs. W. E. Wailes, and Miss N. S. M. Baldwin, daughter of the late Major A. C. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

In addition, a large number of Naval officers attended in dress uniform, as well as Military officers, R.A.F. officers, Punjabis, Marines and sailors.

The bride, who was given away by Col. V. Coates, 5/2nd Punjabis, was charmingly gowned in white georgette with pearl trimming and fringe. She wore a white lace veil with orange blossom, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Luard, daughter of General Luard, and Miss Hayley Bell, daughter of Col. Hayley Bell. They were prettily dressed in peach taffeta, with wreaths of gold leaves and rose velvet ribbon. Their bouquets were of pink dahlias.

The duties of "best man" were discharged by Capt. E. S. Bingham, of the Queen's Regiment.

The officiating minister was the Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

After the ceremony, the happy couple left the Cathedral under an archway of swords, formed by Naval and Military officers, and entered their car, which was pulled by sailors and men of the R.A.F. by means of ropes attached to the front axle, to Headquarters House, where the reception was held. Here, music was provided by the band of the 5/2nd Punjabis.

Among the numerous presents received, were a lacquer box and tray from H.E. Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, a picture from Major General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Luard, Hors d'Oeuvres forks from Sir Henry Gollan, silver cruet set from Sir Joseph Kemp, silver salver from R.A.F. mess, Kai Tak, silver clock from H.Q. R.A.F. China, silver cigarette case from 442 Flight, silver salver from the officers of the 5/2nd Punjabis, and a cut glass bowl from the R.A. mess, Kowloon.

THE THRACIANS.

SATURDAY'S VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

An excellent variety entertainment was given by the "Thracians" by permission of Commander H. E. Snapp, R. N. in the old Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street, on Saturday night. The proceeds will be devoted to the building and equipment fund for the new Soldiers' and Sailors' Home which is in the course of construction near to the place occupied by the present Home.

The programme was composed of numerous and highly enjoyable items, including songs of both a popular and sentimental character, and violin solos. There were also several pleasing diversions including "Warries of a Father" by A. Blenkinsop, "Dexterous Deceptions" by E. Hull, "A Coffee Stall" by A. Thomas, A. Blenkinsop, E. Hull and F. Eldon, and "Bygones and Mightbe's" by the company. The accompanist was Mr. C. Whincup.

Those contributing gave a first rate account of themselves and thoroughly deserved the plaudits which were freely given by the audience.

MALARIA AND ITS EFFECTS.

During the Great War many soldiers who escaped gas, bullets and death returned home with health shattered by disease. To sufferers from malaria the experience of one of them, Mr. Jones, of 54 Grove Park, Colwyn Bay, will be of especial interest.

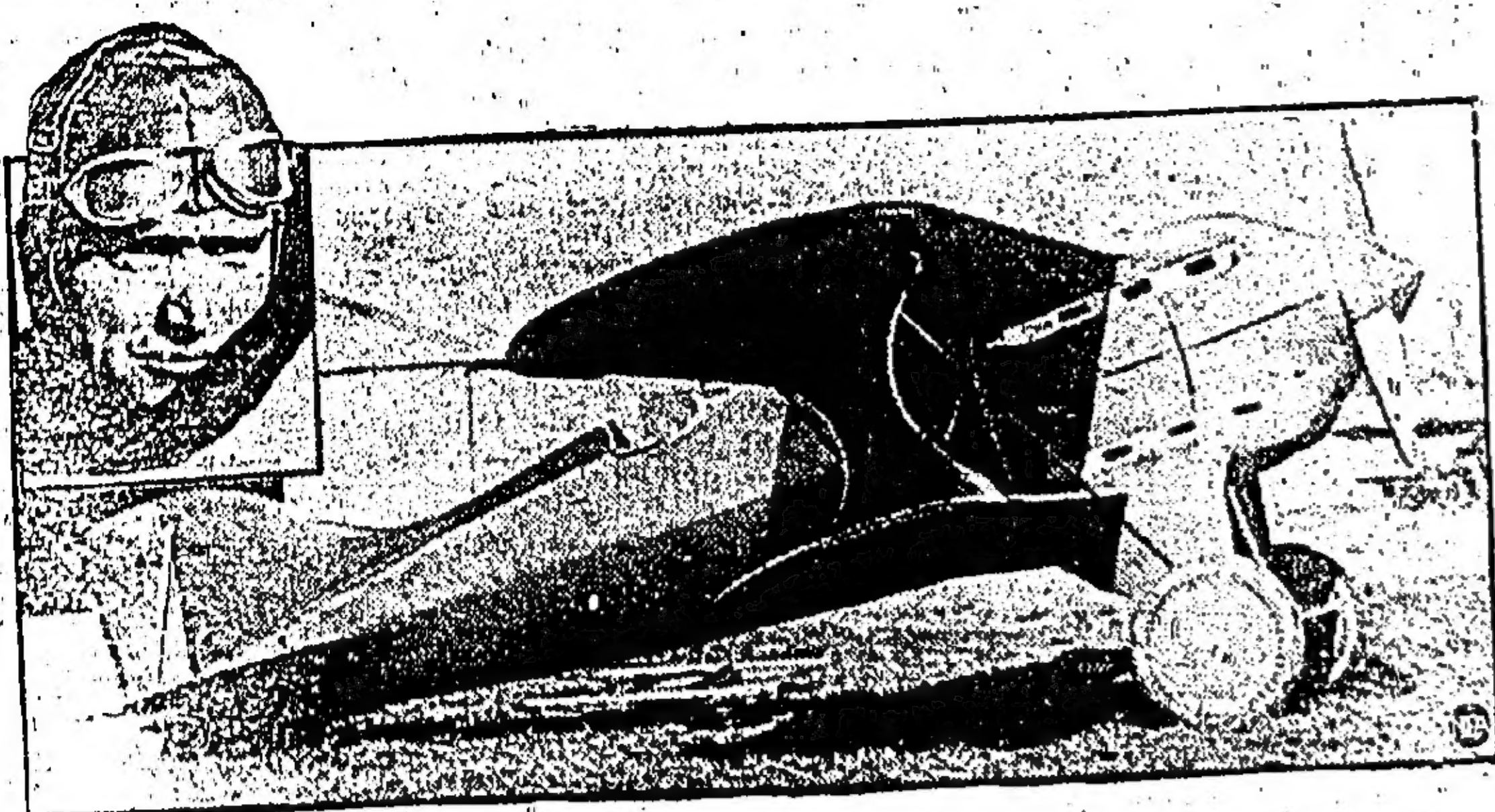
"It was in 1916, when I was out in Mesopotamia, that I had the first attack of Malaria," explained Mr. Jones in an interview. "I came back to England very weak and ill. My health declined rapidly, and added to the attacks of malaria were the miseries of nervous debility and low spirits. I had pains in the head, and could seldom get a good night's sleep. My appetite was very bad and I could hardly eat anything.

"During these four years of misery I was under the care of seven different doctors. They said that I was suffering from indigestion and anaemia. I tried several remedies but they proved of no avail. It was the beginning of last summer that I had the last attack of malaria, and it proved a very severe one. I was home for six weeks in a terrible condition; it was then that some friends advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I commenced their use.

"Of course I did not feel much difference at first, but before long they brought about a wonderful change in me. I felt myself getting gradually stronger, my appetite returned, and I was able to sleep much better. My friends were surprised at the wonderful change in my health. I am now quite well, and find work a pleasure. I feel very thankful that I started Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and shall always do my utmost to recommend them."

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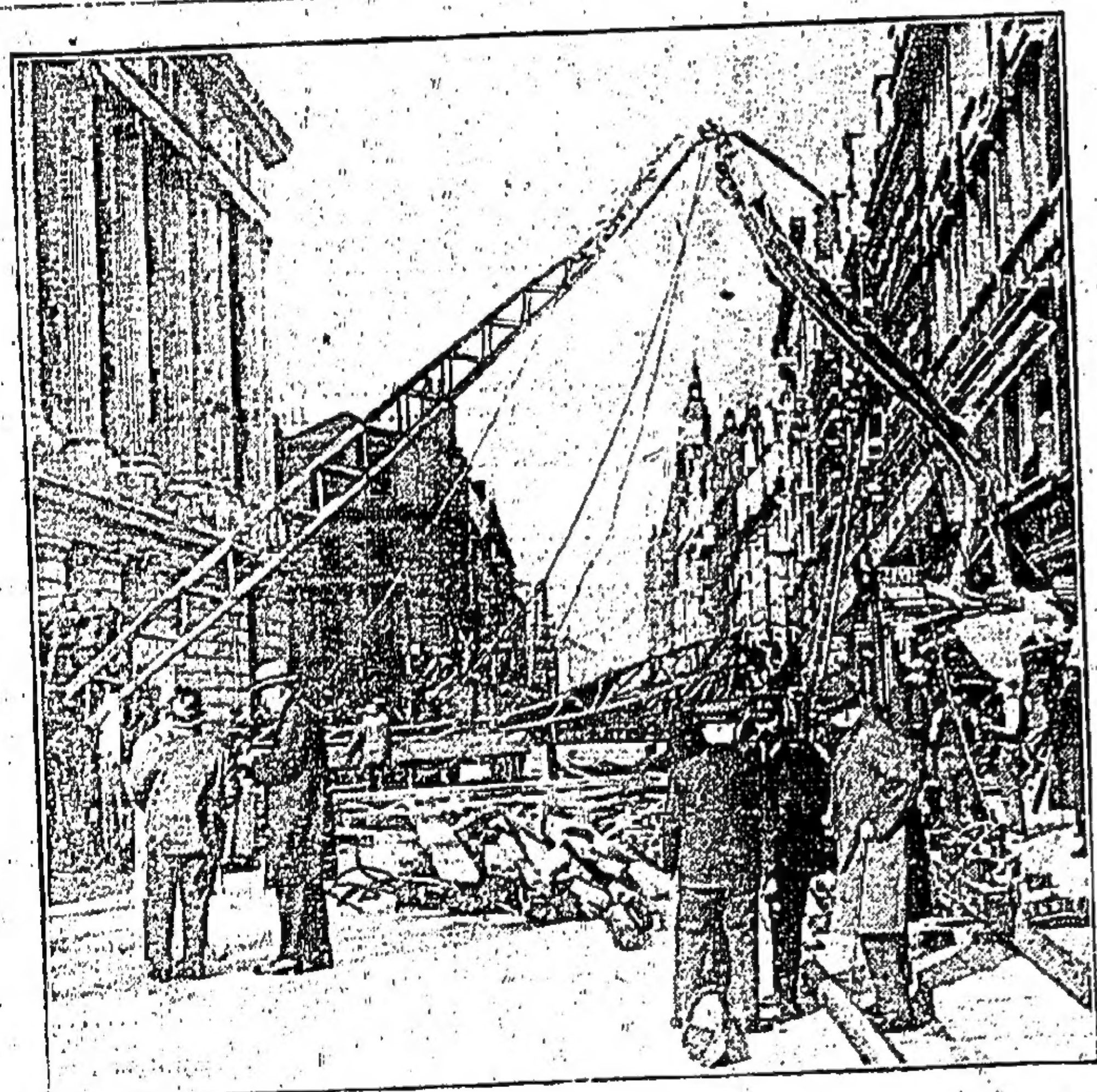
TO BREAK RECORDS.—Lieutenant Alford J. Williams, naval super-speedster (inset), has refitted as a land ship the swift seaplane he was to have flown for America in the Schneider Cup races at Venice. And with it he hopes soon to break all existing speed records—at Mitchell Field, Long Island.



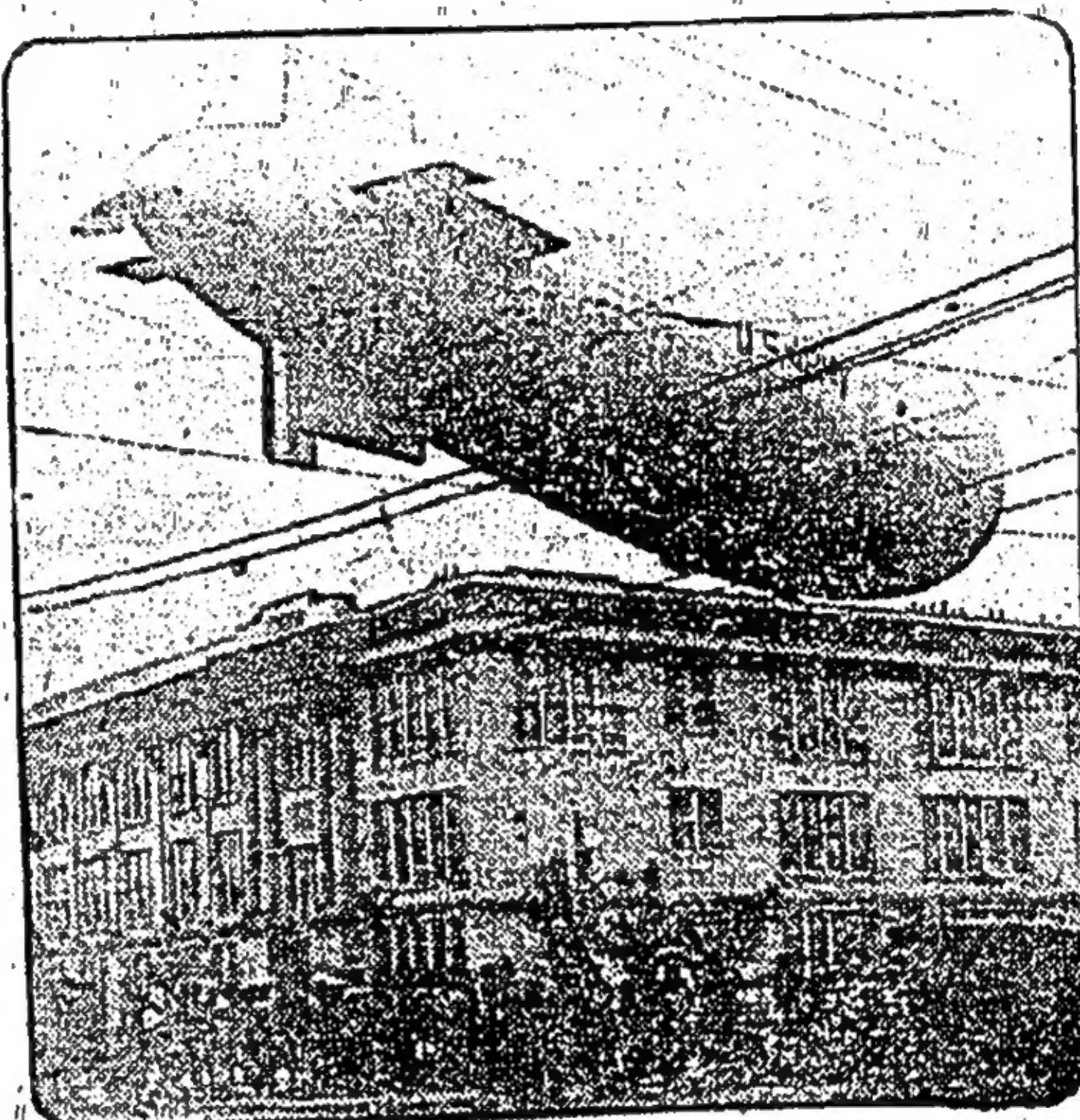
GERMAN VISITORS TO U. S.—General Wilhelm Heye, member of the German high command during the war, photographed with his son, Captain-Lieutenant Helmut Heye, upon their arrival in New York.



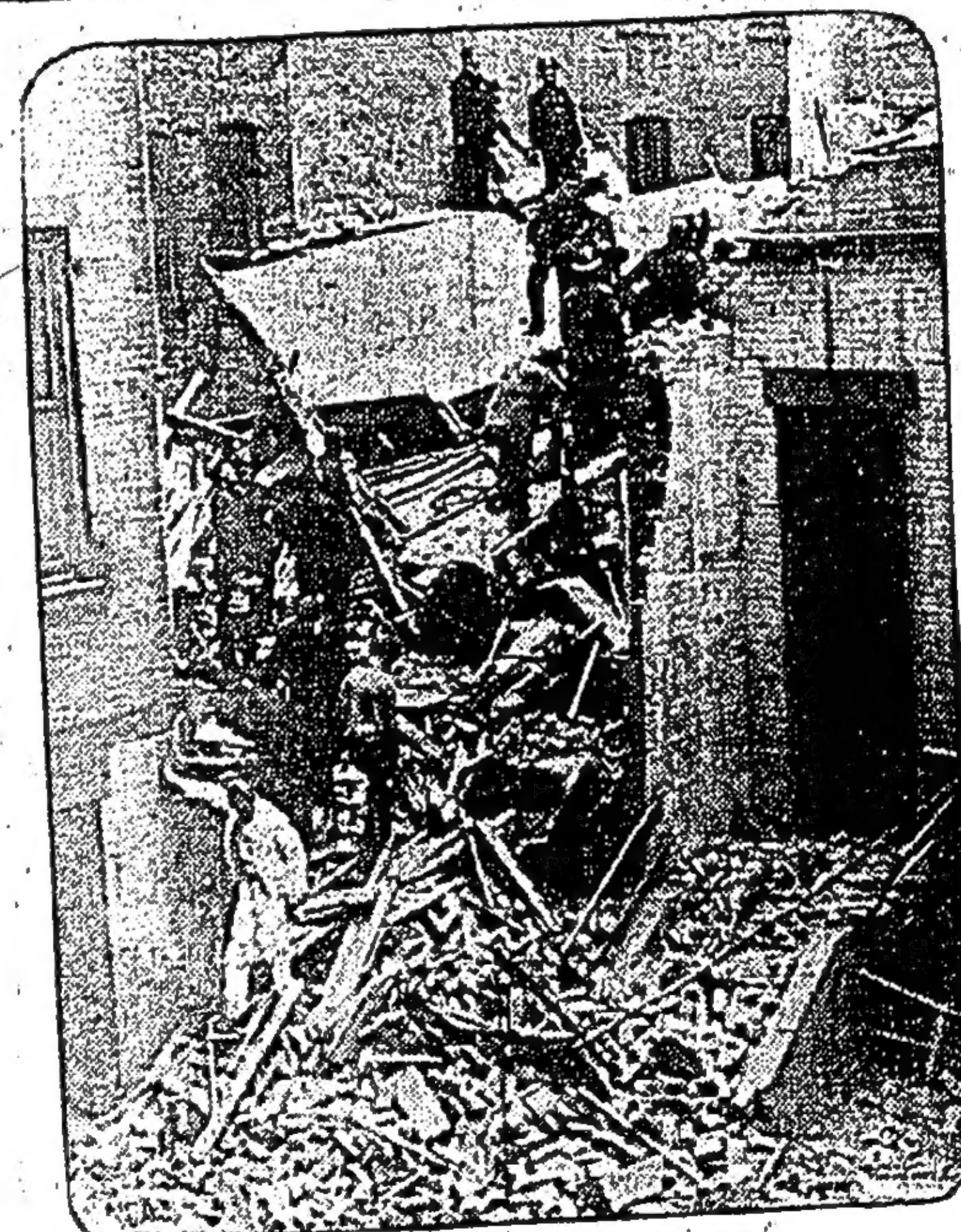
RECENT SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Photo taken at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, recently, at the wedding of Miss Grace Mary Coutts and Mr. John Hellyer Liddell.



HAVOC OF THE GALE.—Several lives were lost and widespread damage was done throughout Britain by a severe gale in October. Our picture shows the wreckage of crane which collapsed into Southampton-row, London. The thoroughfare was completely blocked. (Times copyright).



PEEP INTO THE FUTURE.—A glimpse of the aeronautical future is provided by this picture of an Army non-rigid dirigible landing upon the roof of the Newport News, Va., high school, the first descent of the kind ever accomplished.



EFFECTS OF A BOMB.—Police and firemen searching for victims amid the ruins of the New York tenement house wrecked by a bomb which killed five and injured eleven persons.



NEW CHURCH FOR DANISH COMMUNITY.—The Danish community of Shanghai, having been granted the use of the chapel in Pahnienjao Cemetery, a consecration service was held there on a recent Sunday morning, when the above group was taken.



IN GAOL.—Felix F. Palavicini, editor of the Mexico City newspaper El Universal who has been gaoled by the Calles government.

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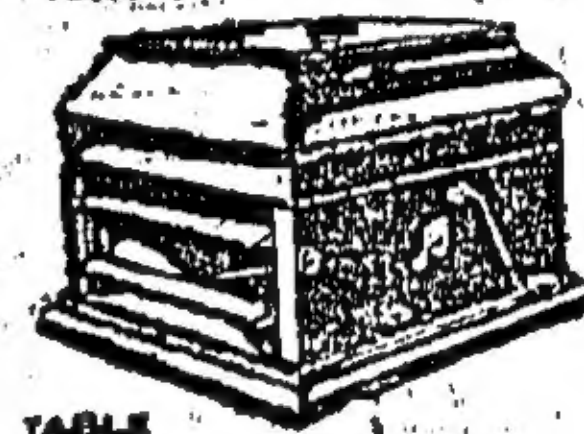
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TUITION GIVEN.—A Chinese having two years of University education, desires to teach Chinese and Cantonese to Europeans privately. Correspondence, ground floor, 14c, Roberson Road.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Small house or bungalow situated upper levels. Required September or October 1928. Five Year's lease if desired. Rent must be moderate. Apply Box No. 292, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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LOST.—Rough-haired terrier, white with white and tan head, name "Rip." Finder please communicate with Hegarty, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

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TO LET.—One European FLAT Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

TO LET.—Office Rooms 2nd Floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—FURS sets of Collar and cuffs good as Xmas present only a few left. Apply to H. Rohu, 18, Connaught Road Central, 3rd floor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

COPLEY MOYLE PRESENTATION FUND.
The subscription list for the above Fund will be closed on Friday, 16th. inst. The presentation will be made at a reception to be held in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday, 20th. inst., from 5 to 6 p.m.

WARNING.

Tradesmen, etc., are warned that, under the provisions of the Army Act, a soldier cannot be placed under stoppages of pay for any private debts he may incur, and anybody who allows him credit does so entirely at his own risk.

(sd.) J. MACREADY, Major, D.A.A. & Q.M.G., South China Command.

NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company, Room 26 Bank of Canton Building, announces that effective December 6th, 1927, Mr. A. L. Thomson has been appointed Acting District Agent succeeding Mr. H. S. Zumbait who is leaving for home.

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Silk, Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

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are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 12th December.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 2nd January, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **TUESDAY,** the 13th December, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m.

At Godown No. 51, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

317 Cases, Russian Cigarettes, 100's, 25's and 20's (Just Arrived).

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **WEDNESDAY,** the 14th December, 1927, commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large and Fine Assortment of **Xmas Toys,** comprising:—

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Messrs. Lammert Bros. have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell the undermentioned:

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
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(subject to a reserve price for each Lot.)

on **WEDNESDAY,** the 14th December, 1927, at 3 p.m.

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Lot 1.—Inland Lot No. 2162. (No. 11, Wongneshong Road).

Lot 2.—Section E of Inland Lot No. 795. (No. 67, Pokfulam Road).

Lot 3.—The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 795. (69, Pokfulam Road and No. 235, Third Street).

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **WEDNESDAY,** the 14th December, 1927, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

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DASTARDLY MURDER OF AN INSPECTOR.

SHOTS THROUGH A DOOR.

Yet another crime is to be added to the list of those committed by labour agitators in Shanghai in their attempts to interfere with loyal workmen. On this occasion a Korean tram inspector, Choi Sing-fong, was fired at through a glass door in his shop and was struck by three bullets. He died from his injuries in St. Luke's Hospital on Saturday.

The attempted murder, on Wednesday morning, is the first instance in which agitators have used violence on tramway men since they met with such retribution at the hands of the police in East Seward Road a week previously.

Mr. Choi was sitting just inside the glass door of the fruit shop, at 1462 Avenue Road (near Medhurst Road) on Wednesday morning. He had finished breakfast, and was about to make preparations to go on duty at 11 o'clock, as in addition to the fruit shop he conducted, he was one of the leading tramway inspectors.

Suddenly and without warning, two armed men—they may have been accompanied by other looters to prevent interference—rushed to the glass door and fired six or seven shots through the door and window. One of the bullets struck Mr. Choi in the left wrist, another in the left thigh, and a third caused the worst wound in penetrating the abdomen. A crowd gathered at once and police on point duty hurried to the spot, but the assassins had made off through an alleyway on the opposite side of the road.

Det.-Sub-Insp. Henry arrived almost immediately. The injured man was sent to hospital. The police picked up six 32 calibre spent shells.

Wife and Child Present.

Besides Mr. Choi, his wife and child were in the room. They were not struck, but a servant working in the kitchen to the rear was nipped by a stray bullet. He was removed to the Lester Hospital.

All available uniformed men immediately began a thorough search of the vicinity, but found no suspicious characters. Detectives are following every clue, but owing to the fact that the assassins are believed to be hirelings, and therefore, do not associate with the ordinary criminals, it is not anticipated, for the time being at least, that they will be brought to justice.

This second attempt on the lives of tram employees is a further effort to destroy the morale of the loyal men who are operating the tram service, and it may tend to prolong the negotiations now being conducted between the management and men.

Tram service in the Wayside district was suspended at 2.25 p.m., while that in the western district ended after dark. The company officials hoped to re-establish the service on a more stable basis within the next 24 hours, although the attitude of the workmen was not entirely favourable.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 15th to 18th December 1927.

Date	Time	High Water		Low Water	
		Standard	Local	Standard	Local
Tues.	11	2.44	1.4	2.53	1.1
Wed.	14	3.56	4.5	2.57	1.5
Thurs.	16	4.57	4.8	2.59	1.8
Fri.	19	5.39	5.0	2.59	2.1
Sat.	20	6.24	5.5	2.59	2.4
Sun.	21	6.58	5.8	2.59	2.6
Mon.	22	7.24	6.1	2.59	2.8

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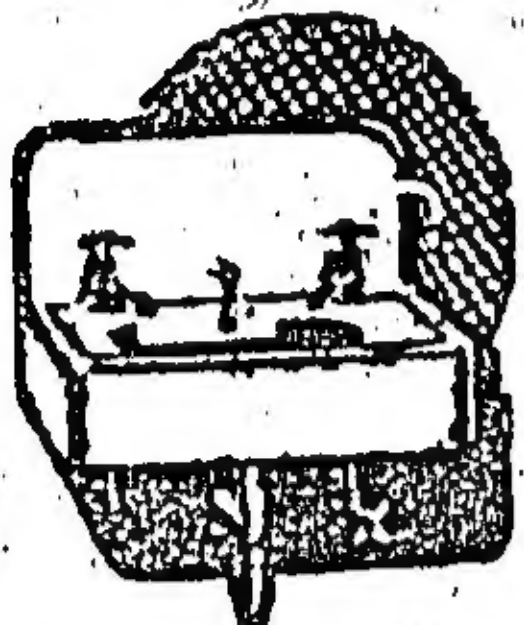
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From	Per	Due
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Shanghai	Chusan	December 12
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	December 13
Manila	Pres. Pierce	December 13
Shanghai	Diomed	December 13
Straits	Haruna Maru	December 13
Straits and London (parcel mail)	Kalyan	December 14
London 4th November	Aki Maru	December 15
Australia and Manila	Antenor	December 15
Europe via Nagapattam, letters only	Hakozaki Maru	December 16
London 16th November	Rakuyo Maru	December 17
Japan and Shanghai	Machao	December 17
Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	December 17
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Taft	December 19
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Tango Maru	December 20
Manila	Helorus	December 20
Suez and Straits	Pyrhus	December 22
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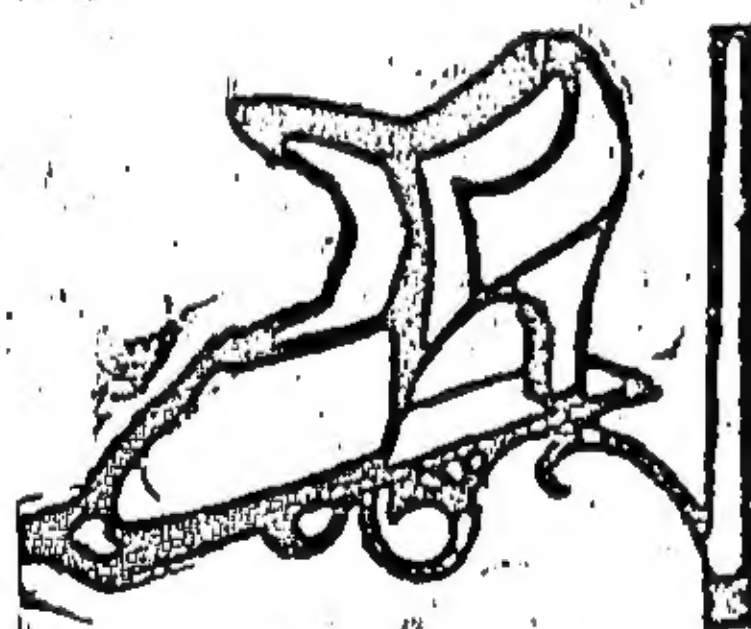
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A BUMPER PROGRAMME.

Seldom has the Queen's Theatre put on a more admirably varied or more pleasing programme than that which began a three-day's run yesterday.

Pride of place must, of course, be given to the screamingly funny film, "We're in the Navy Now," which is one of the brightest farces which we have seen for many a long day. It is really a companion picture to "Behind the Front," recently shown at the Queen's, but it is even better. Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton play the leads and they are really inimitable in their humour. As new hands in the U.S. Navy in the Great War, they go through all manner of experience, each funnier than the last; they are always in trouble, but they make good in the end. The other characters are in able hands. If you want a really good laugh, then don't miss "We're in the Navy Now." A word should be added concerning the musical score, ably sustained by the Queen's Orchestra, comprising, as it does, most of the popular nautical airs.

Other items in the excellent programme are a news reel, including groundhug racing in England; a really good comedy; and an attractive new Pathe pictorial series, giving some beautiful artistic scenic studies.

FAMINE RELIEF.

URGENT WORK IN 18 DISTRICTS.

Forty-six thousand dollars have been allocated for urgent relief work among 18 worst affected districts in the Shanghai famine area at a recent meeting of the Shanghai Committee of the Chinese International Famine Relief Commission at Tsunan. This sum will be devoted to the purchase of grain and winter garments. The districts which will receive relief follow:

Class one (\$3,000 each)—Fe Hsien, Meng Yin, Teng Hsien, Lin Hsien, Yen Chow, San Hsien, Lin I, Lin Ching, Kwan Hsien and Chin Hsien.

Class two (\$2,000 each)—Ping Yin, Chu Hsien, Tung Ping, Ching, Wu, Tung Wo, Ching, Ching, Wen Hsien and Fei Ching.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

FOR DEPENDENTS OF HEROIC CONSTABLE.

In response to the suggestion of an old resident, the *Telegraph* has decided to open a Subscription List for the widow and two small children of the late Constable Wan Wang-chi, who was killed in the shooting affray of December 7th. Although unarmed, the late constable gallantly intercepted one of the desperadoes participating in that affair, and by his devotion to duty, lost his life. We shall be happy to acknowledge any subscriptions in our columns. Contributions should be made payable to The Hongkong Telegraph. Subscriptions so far received are:

Old Resident \$100.

Reports have been in circulation for some time in diplomatic circles in Paris that the resignation of Lord Crewe from the post of British Ambassador might be expected very shortly. There is good reason to suppose that, though Lord Crewe has made no definite decision, his resignation would follow as a matter of course were a decision to be arrived at with regard to his successor. In these circumstances it appears probable that it will in any case take effect during the coming year.

"WHY MERRIE?"

THE CLUBMAN EXPLAINS.

The sun slipped behind the Peak, and I slipped out of the Office and made my unfaltering way to the Club Bar.

The "Clubman" had beaten the sun by about six fingers, and was looking for a target at whom to discharge his spirituous projectiles of vituperation. I joined him without a murmur (I have long learned it is no use kicking).

"I see that the Hongkong Philharmonic are producing 'Merrie England', a comic opera by Edward German. A cursory glance at a preliminary 'pull' in the paper I have before me, shows it to be in an Elizabethan setting. Tell me, why is the epithet 'Merrie' always used in connexion with this period?"

When "The Clubman" says "Tell me" he means "I'll tell you" so I waited patiently. "All the historical accounts of the Queen at this time," he continued, holding up two fingers, to the barman, "show her to have been rather an unsightly individual. She had a beard and ginger hair, and her teeth were so decayed, owing to her insatiable appetite for sweetmeats, that the odour of her breath made conversation with her extremely objectionable and necessitated the use of strong perfumes amongst those whose daily round brought them into contact with her. I cannot suppose that this state of affairs rendered England any 'merrie' than it is to-day."

"I agree with you entirely," I murmured, as he paused to drink. "I hope the producer of the H.K.P.S. will not try to reproduce the exact state of affairs at the court of Queen Elizabeth."

"That is unlikely," he snapped, (he dislikes interference). "One had also to remember that the age of the Puritan was rapidly approaching, and its shadow was already casting a gloom over the social life of the nation. I always feel that a Puritan is extremely difficult to cultivate." "Agreed," I gulped. "But surely you will admit that an age which produced such literary giants as Shakespeare, Johnson—"

"Have Bernard Shaw, Thomas Hardy, or Dean Inge brightened the particular suburb that you have come from?" he demanded fiercely, "millions of people have not even read the works of our greatest writers, how many people in Elizabeth's time could have read the current literature, even if they had wanted to? Tell me—I subsidize. You will now draw my attention to Drake, Frobenius, and the lights of the seagoing fraternity, and you will say that surely with such men about, the nation would have been raring with light." (I moaned.) What about Scott, Seagrave, and our intrepid 'bird-men', and yet we are not known as 'Merrie England' now."

"Why, then, do men look back on this insipid period as 'Merrie England'—tell me?—Because, man, delights to dress himself up; he is vain as a peacock, he pictures his forebears strutting about in doublet and hose, (or is it hose?), in one perpetual fancy dress, and he sighs because, unless he is a Bishop, a Mission, or a high official, he cannot wear bright colours and gold chains—all is vanity."

I left him, and went out to book my seats for 'Merrie England'.—Contributed.

A Chinese boy, seven years of age, living at No. 180, Queen's Road West, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from serious injuries to his head and legs as a result of being knocked down by public motor car No. 258. His condition this morning is critical.

U.S. NAVAL POLICY.

ELEVATION QUESTION.

London, Dec. 10.

When the question of increasing the elevation of turret guns in the United States battleships—Oklahoma and Nevada—was considered in the House of Representatives at Washington yesterday, it was decided to make financial provision for such alterations if they were found to be in consonance with the terms of the Washington Treaty. In connexion with this question it is recalled that the British Government, in 1925, made an earnest appeal that the Government of the United States should not impose upon the peoples of the countries concerned the burden of competition in armament which are deemed to result from execution of the proposal to elevate turret guns on retained capital ships of the United States, it being considered that even if arguments can be found in support of the contrary, the interpretation of the Treaty having the effect of carrying out such proposals would be incompatible with its intentions.—*British Wireless.*

Washington, Dec. 10.

The House of Representatives has voted in favour of the proposal to elevate big guns of certain battleships, provided that President Coolidge is of opinion it will not violate the Washington Naval Limitation Treaty.

The House of Representatives has passed the \$200,000,000 first Deficiency Bill including (after a spirited fight) provision of \$94,000 for elevating the guns of the battleships "Oklahoma" and "Nevada".—*Reuter's American Service.*

SINGAPORE BASE.

MILES OF SWAMPS TO BE CLEARED.

London, Dec. 10.

Miles of mangrove swamps and poisonous black mud must be cleared and dredged, says the second article in the London Daily Telegraph on the Singapore Naval Base, before its four mile frontage on deep water and a sea wall after it can be erected.

Inside the present ill-defined shore, a dock of a thousand feet long will be constructed to accommodate the largest battleship afloat and four cruisers simultaneously. Probably a decade will have passed before the whole construction is finished. Local rubber planters complain that the movement is spoiling the labour market by overpaying Tamil and Chinese workers.—*Reuter.*

BELFAST ARSENAL.

POLICE MAKE BIG SEIZURE OF ARMS.

Belfast, Dec. 11.

A seizure has been caused by the best seizure of munitions ever made in Belfast. The Police, after searching for two days, entered a vacant house in Whitebeck Road and found rifles, revolvers, bayonets, a machine gun and an enormous quantity of explosives, including bombs and 17,000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

The contents of the arsenal were removed from the house in three lorries. It is reported that the house has been used as a central dump by the I.R.A. No arrests have been made.—*Reuter.*

THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

SIR M. SHAFI'S OFFER, REFUSED.

Bombay, Dec. 11.

The Aga Khan has refused the offer of Sir Muhammad Shafi to resign the presidency of the Muslim League Council.—*Reuter.*

[Sir Muhammad Shafi, an ex-member of the Viceroy's Council, was elected to the Presidency of the Muslim League, but recently announced his willingness to withdraw in favour of the Aga Khan as a result of a request by Madras Moslems.]

KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

WANG CHING-WEI TO RETIRE.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

As the outcome of several conferences of the Kuomintang leaders it is understood that General Chiang Kai-shek has accepted the post of Generalissimo of the Nationalist army, while Mr. Wang Ching-wei has offered to retire from politics, if necessary, to heal the split caused by Canton's coup d'etat of November 17.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Twenty-seven members were present at yesterday's meeting at Chiang Kai-shek's residence. Li Chai-sum, Li Chung-jen, Sun Fo and Wu Taz-wei were among the notable absentees. Yu Yu-jen was chairman.

Wang Ching-wei urged Chiang Kai-shek to resume the generalissimo and to carry out the anti-northern expedition. A resolution to that effect was unanimously passed. Chiang Kai-shek said he would carefully consider the proposition.

The meeting then elected Chiang Kai-shek to make preparations for the fourth plenary conference at Nanking and agreed on the re-organisation of the Military Council.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH AIR CRASH.

DEATH DURING TEST.

Paris, Dec. 11.

M. Corbu, one of the pilots of the "Bluebird" on its unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic, was testing a machine when he crashed and was killed near Le Bourget.—*Reuter.*

[Corbu, in company with another military pilot, M. Givon, left Paris on September 2 in the "Bluebird" in an attempt to fly to New York. The plane returned to Paris soon after leaving, and no further attempt was made.]

U.S. AND FRANCE.

TREATY ANNOUNCED TO OUTLAW WAR.

Washington, Dec. 11.

Mrs. Jane Adams on behalf of the deputation of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, at the White House announced that President Coolidge hoped that the negotiations with France for a treaty to "outlaw" France-American war would begin shortly after the return of Mr. Herriek from France.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

NO WHOLESALE UTILISATION AT PRESENT.

Frankfurt Main, Dec. 11.

That considerable progress has been made in the synthesising of rubber was reported at a meeting of the Directors of the Dye Trust, but that wholesale utilisation was unlikely in the near future. The meeting decided to recommend an issue of 250,000,000 marks debentures to benefit the new products.—*Reuter.*

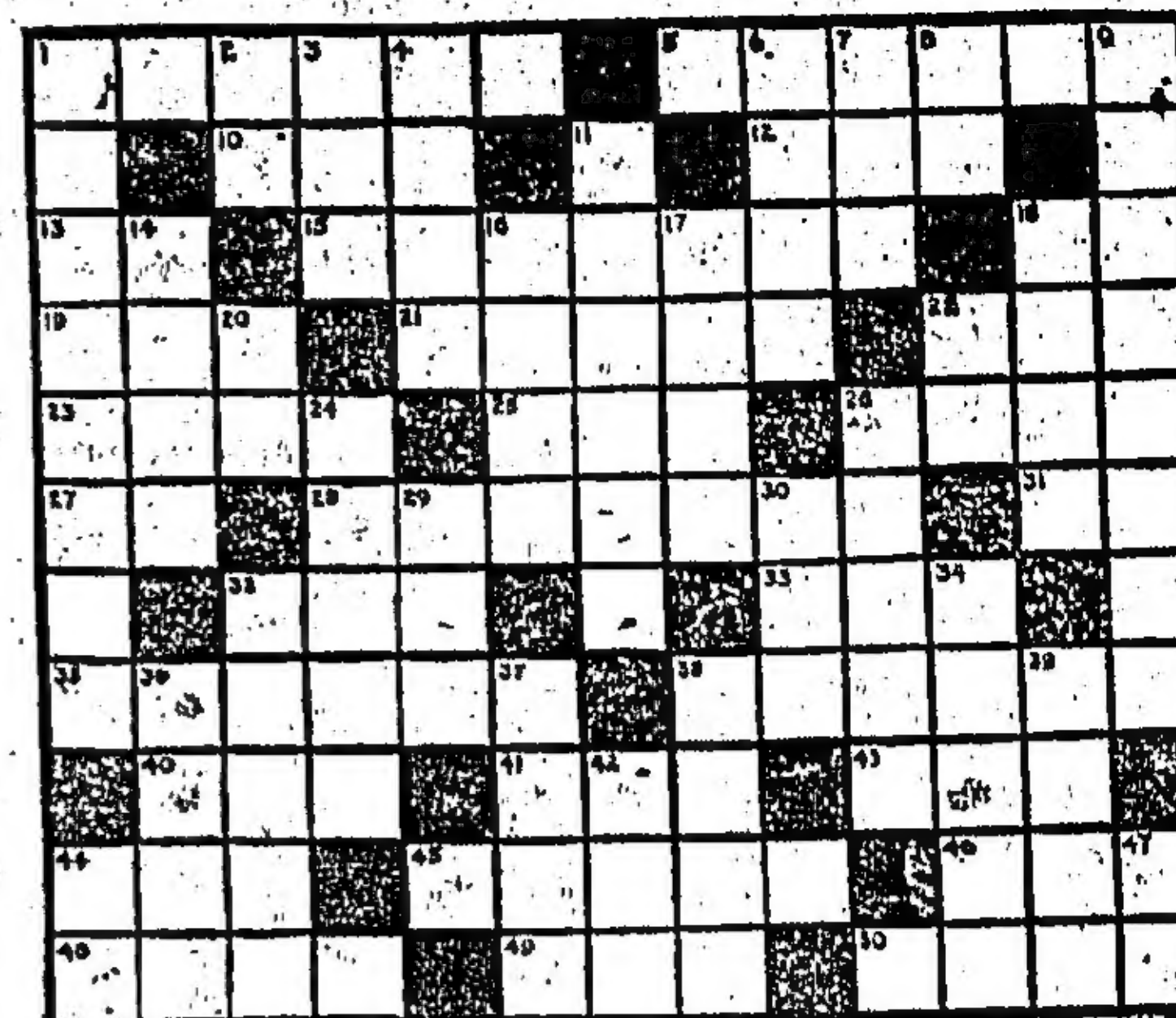
AMERICA FREEZES.

THIRTY SIX DEATHS IN THE COLD WAVE.

New York, Dec. 11.

The cold wave which is sweeping the country has already taken 36 lives. The northwest and the north are the hardest hit.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 What American built the first successful steamboat?
- 5 What famous English navigator first explored the northern part of North America?
- 10 To ventilate.
- 12 To propel a boat.
- 13 Morinda dye.
- 16 Chastisement.
- 18 What is the abbreviation for "mountain"?
- 19 Mesh.
- 21 Large carnivorous animals of the cat family.
- 22 Of what organ is the Eustachian tube a part?
- 23 What is a nautical mile.
- 25 Suitable.
- 26 Hodgepodge.
- 27 Behold.
- 28 Apellike.
- 31 No good.
- 32 Membranous bag.
- 33 Call for help at sea.
- 35 Approached.
- 38 Menager.
- 40 Twice.
- 41 Indian of Siouan tribe.
- 43 To make a mistake.
- 44 Age.
- 45 What form of dentine is exported in large quantities from Africa?
- 46 Collection of facts.
- 48 To appropriate.
- 49 Female sheep.
- 50 Organs of sight.

Down.

- 1 Who invented the lightning rod?
- 2 Sixth note in scale.
- 3 Sesame (plant).
- 4 Verbal.
- 6 Pitchers.

- 7 Canine animal.
- 8 Point of compass.
- 9 What constitutes about four-fifths of the volume of the atmosphere?
- 11 Who is considered the greatest master of pianoforte composition?
- 14 Thin cotton fabric.
- 16 Of what country is Bangkok the capital.
- 17 Within.
- 18 Principal.
- 20 Toward.
- 22 Delty.
- 24 Emperors.
- 26 Soluble compound yielding sugar.
- 29 Frozen water.
- 30 To employ.
- 32 Godly person.
- 34 To wander.
- 36 Tree.
- 37 Pigeon.
- 38 Learning.
- 39 Sea eagle.
- 42 To pull.
- 44 Standard of type measure.
- 47 Like.

Saturday's Solution.

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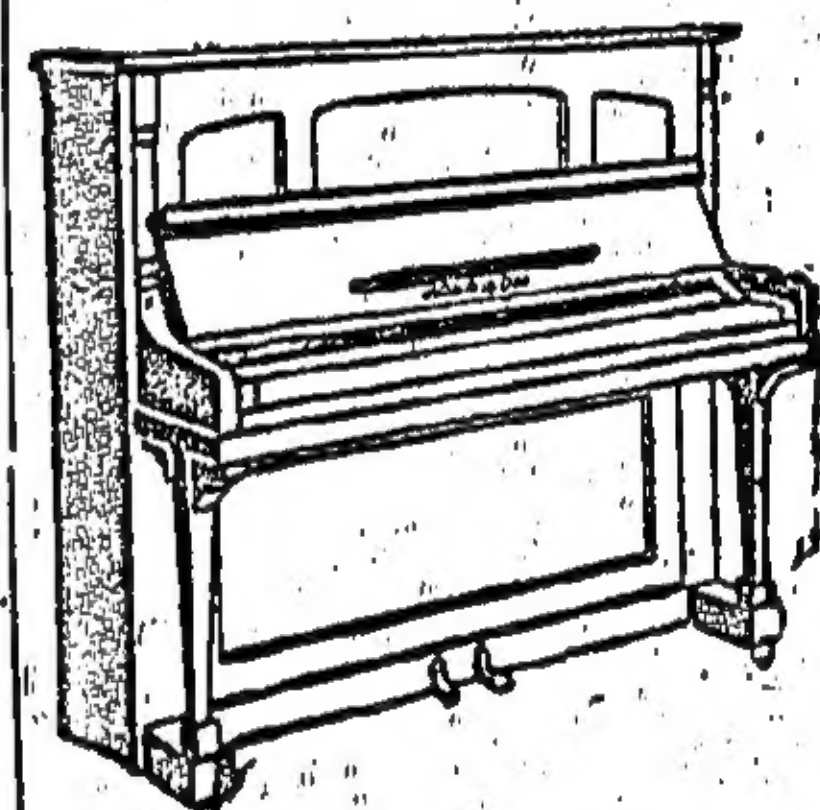
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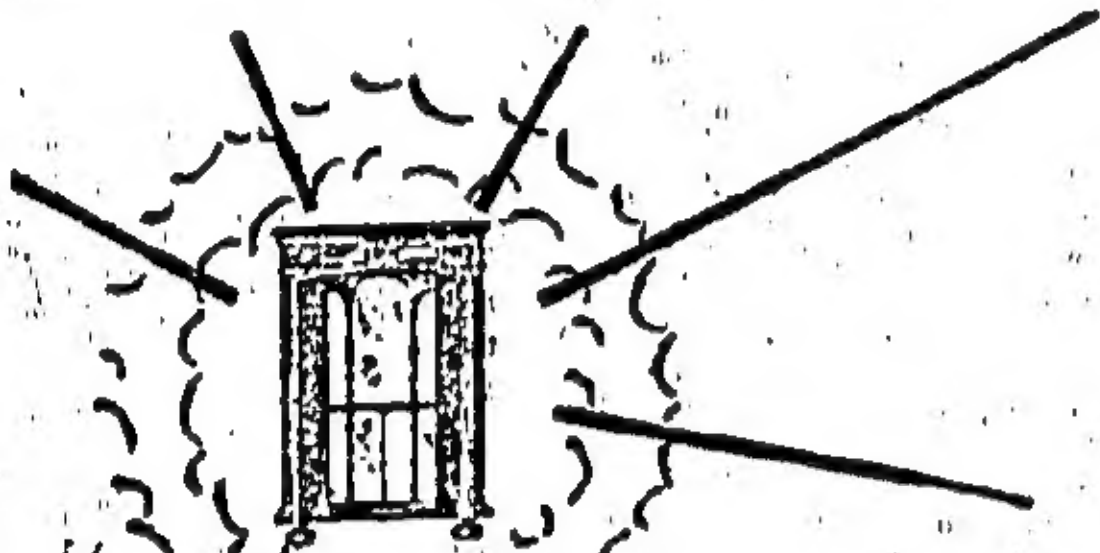
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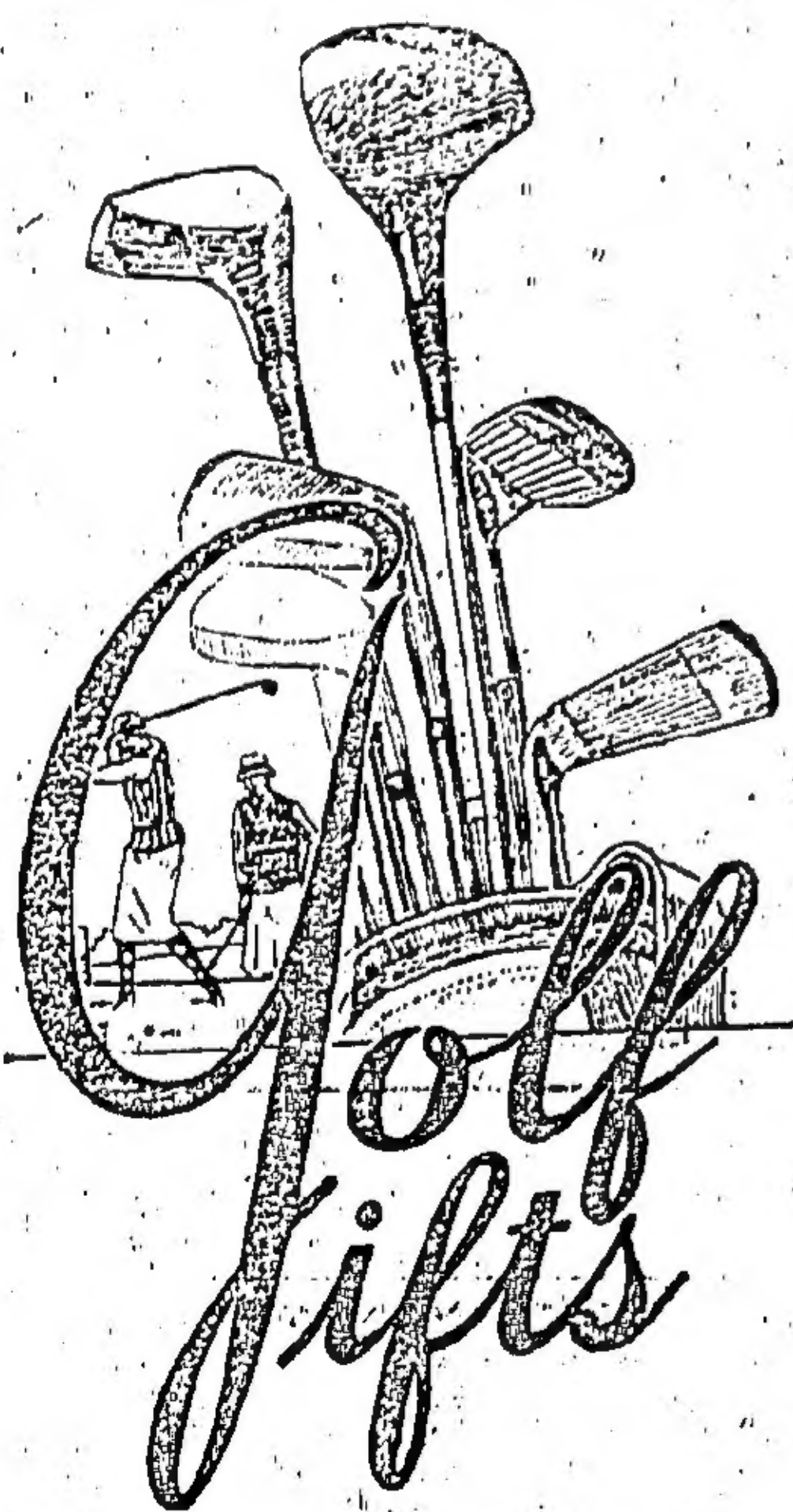
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MONDAY, DEC. 12, 1927.

BRITISH LABOUR AND CHINA.

There are many people who believe that whilst much good might be done in social legislation if a Labour Government came into power at home, it is extremely doubtful whether correspondingly beneficial results would be attained in the foreign and colonial policies of the Empire. It is true, of course, that responsibility always has a sobering effect on political leaders, and that, when we come to regard the "British Labour Party, there are men of education and ability in its ranks. The point naturally occurs, however, as to whether these men would dominate the Party once it came into power, or whether politicians of lesser experience and more unbalanced ideas would not dictate the Government's policies. It may be argued that as Britain has already had one Labour Government and that as the Empire's prestige did not suffer in consequence, no fears need be entertained over the possibility of Labour once more coming into office. Against that, however, must be set the fact that the last Labour Government had a very brief spell of life, and that, in the circumstances, it was quite content to feel its way rather than to attempt any big programme of reform in foreign or colonial policy.

We are moved to comment on this question of the possible effects of future Labour rule because of an article recently contributed to the *Daily Herald* by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in which he, if we may so express it, lifts the veil somewhat. His article deals at some length with what he terms the awakening sense of national self-respect amongst what have been known as the backward peoples of the Empire, and he admits that this will prove one of the most troublesome questions that will face the Foreign and Colonial Offices under Labour control. The main interest for us in the Labour Leader's observations lies in his references to China. We have not the space to quote his references in full, but the main

burden of his contentions is that Britain should watch for every opportunity to give a practical welcome to the new China that is struggling into life. We should, argues Mr. MacDonald, make it plain to the Chinese that past Treaties belong to an old order, and show, by our language and our attitude, that we are willing to negotiate new relationships on the basis of complete independence and freedom of will. With that policy, few sane-minded people will quarrel; indeed, it can be said that that is precisely the line on which Britain has proceeded during the past two or three years. Britishers generally will also find themselves in complete agreement with Mr. MacDonald when he says that "nothing would be a more unfortunate service to these new movements than to encourage them in the belief that by force, or riot, or active enmity they can wipe out all that is past, and bring us, or anybody else, to our knees as supplicants for their favours."

Another phrase used by the Labour leader would appear to show that he has the right outlook on some aspects of the China situation. It is: "If you negotiate, you have got to negotiate with somebody, and that somebody's signature must mean something."

But where Mr. MacDonald lets his political bias run away with him is when he says that a Labour Government would have less difficulty in gaining the goodwill of the Chinese authorities than the present Government has. Were such a Government to come into power, he says, the concentration of attack against Britain would cease, "and our good intentions would have a chance of affecting the relations between China and ourselves." In this connexion, it would be interesting to know whether Mr. MacDonald would have Britain adopt a more conciliatory policy than that which led the Baldwin Government to surrender our rights in Hankow. If so, we fear Labour would soon discover that its good intentions were regarded by Chinese extremists as a sign of weakness, and, so far from our troubles coming to an end, they would only really begin. It is precisely because "somebody's signature" meant nothing that chaos still persists in Hankow. As we remarked a few days ago, Britain has given ample evidence of her willingness to revise existing Treaties, but before that can be done there must be some evidence that China is fit, and willing to assume her full responsibilities. We assume that even a Labour Government would need to have some responsible authority with whom to negotiate. And the dilemma which Mr. MacDonald would find himself in if he happened to come into power tomorrow would be that no such authority exists.

Britain and Russia.

It is not surprising to read that there has been no concrete result following the meeting of Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Litvinoff at Geneva. Neither went with the intention of arranging an Anglo-Russian rapprochement, and so far as the Soviet representative was concerned, there cannot have been any genuine desire to formulate plans for a removal of the fundamental differences between the two countries—differences which the whole world is aware of by now. It was proved, by the immediate action of the Russian delegation, that they had no intention of doing more, at Geneva, than stir up trouble for the other nations, and seize the opportunity to launch more propaganda of the well-known Moscow brand. Their impossible suggestion for almost instantaneous disarmament, so absurd that it was laughed to scorn nearly everywhere, was an instance of what the Soviet is capable. It was a proposition that rang hollow throughout. No-one would have been more surprised than M. Litvinoff himself had anyone taken the matter seriously. The Bolshevik Russian Government will have to change its tactics entirely, and give proof, over a period of some years,

DAY BY DAY.

FREEDOM EXISTS ONLY WHERE THE PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF THE GOVERNMENT.—Woodrow Wilson.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 9th December at 7 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. Garmula is due to leave here early next Wednesday, for Shanghai and Japan.

The Empress of Canada left Shanghai on Saturday at 1 p.m., and is due at Kobe on Tuesday at 6 a.m.

The Empress of Russia is due here from Manila this afternoon and will berth at a buoy off Kowloon Dock.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 5.45, by Mr. Frederick Mason.—Advt.

To-day's Observatory report states that moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is: "N. E. winds, moderate generally cloudy."

At Sunday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. David Gubbay gave an interesting address on "The Religion of the Sikhs."

We have received from the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, a very attractive and practical desk calendar. From the Queen's Dispensary comes a wall calendar in which the picture is "Nature's Lamp," by Alice Maclean—an extremely charming woodland study.

The driver of public car No. 310 reports that while he was driving on the Chin Wan road near Chung Shan Wan, yesterday afternoon, a boy aged seven, crossed the road in front of the car and was knocked down, receiving serious injuries which necessitated his removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: President Pierce, Diomed, Kalyar, Cyclops, Chenan, Lancaster Castle, Mantag, Siberia Maru, Karuna Maru, Gleniffer, Ikomasan Maru, Kalle Maru, Kamakura Maru, Yingchow, Cromer, Benderan, Asama Maru, Vogland, Helikon, Chinua, Norviken.

Whiteaway's Christmas Avenue contains a novel attraction this year in the form of an electric fountain. This has been installed during the week-end, and produces a truly enchanting scene. The fountain is situated in the centre of a miniature lake, and whilst working, sends streams of multi-coloured water into the air, which, illuminated by electric light, achieve a fairylike effect. The lake itself contains goldfish, while toy boats, submarines and other water toys float on the surface. This innovation should prove immensely popular with the "kiddies."

Late this morning, two summonses were called at the Kowloon Magistracy against a representative of the Chuen Lee Minging Company, of Canton, who was charged with being in possession of twenty cases of dynamite and 16,000 detonators without a permit, and with removing the same goods from Green Island to No. 22, Wai Ching Street, without an appropriate permit. The defendant failed to answer the summons, which was put over until a later hour while a message was sent to the Company urging the attendance of a representative.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/7/16
Lighting-up 5.40 p.m.

of genuine desire to meet the other nations' half-way, before any trust can be reposed in its projects or promises. Sir Austen Chamberlain must have met the Soviet delegate with his mind similarly made up, and cannot have viewed any conversations as being likely to lead to any result. With mutual suspicion, with Russia still committed to her underhand methods of attacking those countries with whose policy her rulers do not agree—as only the other day disclosed in the Legation scandal in Sweden—with all these and other obstacles to an amicable understanding, it was not to be expected that Britain and Russia could arrange anything at such short notice. The Soviet will have to go a long way on the road of reform before Britain will feel it safe to resume any of its friendly relations which were tentatively attempted, and which ended so disastrously for Bolshevik machinations.

PILLS CONTAINING HEROIN.

CHINESE DEFENDANT GETS NOMINAL FINE.

A charge of being in possession of 56 pills containing heroin, was preferred against Kwong Man-fu, of the Yee Wah Porcelain Company, 113 Jervois Street, ground floor before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. A. E. Hall, who defended, pleaded guilty to a technical offence. Revenue Officer Grimmett prosecuted.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Import and Export Department, said the pills contained a small quantity of heroin, being 8/10ths of one per cent. of their weight. The total amount of heroin in the 56 pills was about 1.7 grains. It was a very small amount, he said. The maximum was 1/10th of one per cent.

His Worship: There is no question of attempting to sell under this section.

Revenue Officer Grimmett replied there was no such suggestion. The pills, he continued, were found on the defendant's desk in his room. He was not there when they were found. They were not concealed.

Mr. Lindsell: The presumption is that they were merely for his own consumption?—Possibly.

Mr. Hall, in asking for the offence to be dealt with as a technical one, said that there were eight co-accused working under the direction of the defendant, four being Shanghai men and a similar number of Cantonese. The defendant suspected that one of the Shanghai men, who was dismissed shortly before the police raid, was the owner of the pills, which he used for his own consumption. The defendant had decided that it was best to plead guilty because he realised the pills were found on premises belonging to him, and on a desk which he frequently used.

In reply to His Worship, Revenue Officer Grimmett said they were not suggesting that the defendant was engaged in the traffic.

A nominal fine of \$10 was imposed, and an order made for the confiscation of the pills.

MONEY OBTAINED BY TRICK.

DISMISSED EMPLOYEE'S RUSE.

Alleged to have represented himself to be an employee of the Hongkong Electric Company and by this means to have obtained the sum of \$4.00 from the Ying Hang pawnshop, of 84, Des Voeux Road Central, ground floor, on December 2, a Chinese named Wong Hang was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. L. R. Andrews watched the case on behalf of the Company.

It appears that the defendant went to the shop and told them that certain work would have to be carried out soon and he took it upon himself to make various repairs which were not necessary, for which he obtained the money. One of the jobs he did was to open some wooden casing, housing some wire, cut out a piece of good wire and put in another piece of wire, covering the joints with insulation tape.

Mr. V. Sorby, of the Electric Company, said the wire was concealed in the casing, and the defendant could not have known there was anything wrong with it that would cause him to cut it out. The cut out wire, was, as far as he could see, perfectly good.

Evidence was given that the defendant was formerly employed by the Company and was dismissed on November 30th last year.

The defendant said he was asked to do the work and he cut out the piece of wire because it was defective.

Defendant's record showed that he had been previously convicted, his last offence being in connexion with the tampering of a meter in Kowloon.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 10.	
Paris	124
Geneva	25.25
Berlin	20.444
Oso	18.344
Helsingfors	10.84
Athens	8.80
Buenos Aires	47.63/64
Hongkong	2/0/3
New York	48.8/8
Amsterdam	12.07/10
Stockholm	18.094
Vienna	34.634
Madrid	29.40
Bucharest	7.894
Romany	1/6/1/8
Yokohama	1/10/4
Brussels	34.894
Milan	90.20
Copenhagen	18.204
Prague	16.44
Laban	2/7/10
Shanghai	5/5/64
Silver (spot)	2/7/4
Silver (forward)	26.11/10
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—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Company Officer—"Sergeant-major, there is a lot of gambling going on in the barrack-rooms and I am determined to put a definite stop to it. You might look into it."

Two days later six men appeared before the company officer for gambling and got seven days' C.B. each.

Sergeant-Major—"What about the money I collected off the table, sir?"

"Oh, return it to the men to whom it belongs."

"But I don't know to whom it belongs, sir."

"Oh, all right, give it to one of them and let them toss for it."

Oh, ma cutie wuz a surr-fire beauty,

But it came on taw rain;

And that gosh-darn fella he

had a numbrilla,

And I hadn't one again.

Well!

I'll tell the world!

Ma luck jest gives me a pain.

Lady Findlay, who was elected as the first woman president of the Scottish Conservative Association, said that she had been looking up the origin of the word "flapper."

"The classical use of the word," she said, "is in 'Gulliver's Travels,' where it is recorded that flappers are persons employed to 'rouse the attention and jog the memories of people who from absorption in other interests pay insufficient heed to what is going on around them.'"

Miss Alice Johnson observed that if a woman were given the vote at twenty-one she would be impressed, because it would come as a sign of responsibility, but if it came at thirty she would be depressed, because it would come as a sign of advancing age.

It was a sign of the times that the majority of the delegates at the conference were women. They cheered the passing of a resolution in favour of votes for women at twenty-one.

Willesden magistrates: What relation is this man to you—Woman: He is my back-yard tenant.

A husband summoned at Old-street for persistent cruelty, after hearing his wife's evidence: I will defend the case with every word she has just uttered.

Woman at Tottenham: This young man is practically an orphan. Magistrate: Practically! What do you mean? Woman: He has no father or mother.

A toy arrow shot by a boy named Herold Deards was responsible for Frederick Hatchwell a Leatherhead postman, being thrown over the handlebars of his bicycle while he was cycling down Bearhill, Oxshott.

The arrow caught between the spokes and fork of the front wheel.

Mr. Hatchwell received a cut near the left eye and the third finger of his left hand was broken.

Sunday has become to be regarded in this country increasingly as an opportunity for leisure and recreation.—Viscount Grey.

We may take it that the British foreign policy is peace; to keep and improve upon what we have already got.—General Sir George Milne.

Give me the British Empire, as a territory, and I will mass produce more than the American people ever dreamt of.—Sir Alfred Mond.

I recognise that none of the post-war years has given us either the happiness or the security for which we had looked.—Lord Birkenhead.

It was a small informal party, and, after dinner, when all the guests were gathered in the drawing-room, it was suggested that, as a diversion, each woman should state the gift she most coveted.

One wished for exquisite diamonds, another for beautiful clothes, and another for popularity. Then a tactless husband chimed in:

"Look here, all of you. What's the matter with beauty?"

Some more schoolboy "howlers": An abstract noun is the name of something that has no existence; as, for example, Goodness.

Esau was a hump-backed hairy man, who wrote a book of fables and sold his copyright for a bottle of potash.

Abram was the father of Lot. He had two wives; one was called Hagar and the other Ishmael. Hagar he kept at home, but Ishmael he turned out into the desert where she became a pillow of fire at night and a pillow of salt by day.

The Venerable Bede was a historian, known in his own day, from his extreme antiquity, as Adam Bede.

Ell fell sick and brought up Samuel.

CHINESE CONSTABLE DIES.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF LAST WEEK'S AFFAIR.

A GALLANT OFFICER.

In connexion with the shooting affray of Wednesday last, it is learned this morning that Chan Sing, one of the two Chinese constables who were shot, succumbed this morning at the (Government Civil) Hospital at 9.30.

According to a report issued by the Hospital regarding the condition of the other wounded officers, it is gratifying to learn that Sergeant McMahon is much improved and that great hopes are held for his recovery. Chinese detective constable Liu Tung is making good progress and the Indian constable, who was shot in the thigh, is also progressing favourably.

The condition of the armed robber who was wounded has remained very much the same during the last three or four days.

It will be recalled that Constable Chan Sing, who passed away this morning, was the officer who followed the robber practically the whole of the way and was shot down near the (Canton) Garage. The deceased officer made a fearless rush at the armed fugitive despite the fact that he was warned to keep off. He received a shot in his abdomen. It was another Chinese constable who came upon the robber and constable Chan Sing, who brought down the robber.

The deceased constable was 27 years of age and joined the police force in December, 1925. He was a native of Ma Hung, Hoi Fung district, Kwangtung province. He had a good record.

Arrangements are being made by the police with the relatives of the deceased to hold the funeral to-morrow.

PROPOSED SURTAX ON INCOMES.

LABOURITES AND LIBERALS IN OPPOSITION.

London, Dec. 11.

Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government, referring to the Labour party's proposal for a two shillings surtax on personal income from investments, said yesterday that while he favoured the principle of the surtax, he did not think it would realise anything approaching the estimated yield of £80,000,000.

He emphasised that in any case the tax should be used only for debt reduction.

Sir John Simon, the Liberal leader, in a public speech during the week-end, condemned the suggested surtax.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Snowden's Cold Water.

London, Dec. 11.

The Labour Party's surtax proposals, reported the other day, were described as "an expression of principle" by Mr. Philip Snowden, speaking at Wigan during the week-end.

"Only a Chancellor can make a budget," said the ex-Chancellor. He expressed the opinion that the idea of a surtax was sound, but unlikely to realise the amount estimated. The details must be worked out by the Chancellor at the time, in accordance with his obligations, and the proceeds must be devoted exclusively to reduction of debt.

The *Financial Times*, in a leading article on the subject, says that high expectations induced by the hastily-conceived plan for a surtax have been shattered by Mr. Snowden. It points out that the speech is a significant reply to the Labour, M.P., Mr. Maxton, who demanded a definition of the ex-Chancellor's attitude.—*Reuter.*

FRIENDSHIP WITH ARGENTINA.

MINISTER ON VISIT TO ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 11.

The Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs, Doctor Gallardo, who has been to Spain and France, arrived in London to-night, and was met by a representative of the Foreign Secretary and an official of the Foreign Office.

Although his visit is private Doctor Gallardo will take the opportunity to express appreciation of the Argentine Government for raising the status of the British Legation at Buenos Aires to that of an Embassy.

On Tuesday, he will be received by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, and will lunch with their Majesties. His other engagements this week include a luncheon with Sir Austen Chamberlain, when the latter returns from Geneva.—*British Wireless.*

HANKOW ISSUE.

BRITISH CONSUL'S REASSURANCE.

NOT TO RESUME CONTROL.

Shanghai newspapers have received the following from the office of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Hupeh:

"It was rumoured a few days ago that the British Government had intended to land troops in Hankow. Upon inquiry at the British Consulate-General, Dr. C. H. Kan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Hupeh received a verbal denial of the fact from Consul-General Harold Porter. On November 29 a written reply was sent by Mr. Porter to Dr. Kan to the following effect:

"Sir,—I was very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting you yesterday and to be able to assure you that the friendly sentiments expressed towards the Nationalist Government in China by H. M. Government remain unchanged.

"Naturally the various political and military movements and changes that have taken place during the year that has passed since the publication of the British Memorandum have given rise to rumours from time to time, such rumours being usually spread by interested parties.

"The suggestions that it is, or has ever been the intention of the British Authorities to resume control of the former British Concession here, or to land troops for its occupation, are entirely unfounded.

"To Give Protection."

"The presence of certain of H.M. ships both here and elsewhere is merely to give protection where that is found to be needed owing to the pre-occupation of the Nationalist authorities with more immediately pressing affairs. Once the Nationalist Government is in a position to afford that measure of protection to the stranger within her gates that is accorded as a matter of course by all countries to the subjects of other countries with whom they are on terms of amity, H. M. Government will gladly relinquish that duty and withdraw the protective forces.

"I am happy to be able to assure you that the efficient manner in which the local authorities have afforded protection to this district during the recent crisis is highly appreciated, and will do much to dispel the feelings of nervousness and uncertainty that were aroused in the foreign community at the time of the recent hostilities between Nanking and Wuhan.

"If the Nationalist Government and their military authorities could see their way to keeping the Special Administrative Districts free from troops, it would do much to restore confidence and have a beneficial effect upon trade generally. (Signed) Harold Porter."

Seething Comment.

Commenting on the above, the *North-China Daily News* states: One of the most ghastly diplomatic errors that has been perpetrated since Mr. O'Malley negotiated the surrender of the British Concession in Hankow with Moscow, through the medium of Mr. Eugene Chen, has just been perpetrated by Mr. Harold Porter, British Consul-General at Hankow, in his letter to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at that port.

It comes very nicely with the various reports that have reached Shanghai of General Cheng Chien's reversion to the Communist type and of the efforts which the Reds are making to regain control of Wu-Han. Mr. Porter says in effect that the British Government has not now and never has had any intention of resuming control of the British Concession or of landing troops in Hankow and that any rumour to that effect are spread by "interested persons." He apologises for the presence of British naval forces at Hankow and explains that they would not be there at all if the "Nationalists" were not so busy with other things that they were not in a position to extend the protection to the British community which they would of course give that community under normal conditions.

The whole tone of the letter, in fact, is in consistent keeping with the series of ruinous statements that have emanated from London on this Hankow situation since last December. Conciliation is still being applied as a remedy, like a plaster to a cancer. The Chinese are given wholehearted assurance that whatever they do, they have nothing to fear; and that Britain will not undo her fatal mistakes in the middle Yangtze under any provocation.

Obviously London still insists upon furnishing the Chinese leaders, who have responded with so much enthusiasm to previous invitations to bedevil the foreigner in Central China, with fresh material for amusement and contempt. We say London because we are alto-

POLAND'S AGREEMENT AT GENEVA.

PROMISING END TO LEAGUE DISCUSSION.

"STATE OF WAR" AT END.

London, Dec. 11.

A settlement of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute was achieved by the League of Nations Council at a specially-summed sitting late last night.

The subject had been under discussion, in one form or another, throughout the day, and the difficulties which remained outstanding were at night adjusted, after long conversations, between Jonkheer Beelaerts van Blokland, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, who had been appointed Rapporteur by the Council, M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister, and M. Valdecmaras, the Lithuanian Premier.

Thereafter the Council was summoned, and M. Zaleski and M. Valdecmaras in turn declared acceptance on behalf of their respective countries of the resolution which the League Council had adopted. In this resolution the Council declared the state of war between the two members of the League incompatible with the spirit and letter of the Covenant. It took note of the declaration by M. Valdecmaras that Lithuania does not consider herself in a state of war with Poland, and that in consequence peace exists between them. It took note of the Polish representative's declaration that Poland recognises and respects Lithuania's political independence and territorial integrity.

Early Negotiations.

It recommended early direct negotiations placing the League machinery at the disposal of the parties. It established a committee of three Council members to report to the Council on the Lithuanian complaint regarding the treatment of persons of Lithuanian race or speech.

It decided in the event of any threat of an incident, that the League's Secretary General, on a request from either party, should consult the acting president of the Council and the Rapporteur, who shall advise on the steps necessary, noting at the same time that both parties have agreed to facilitate any inquiry by the League.

It noted, with satisfaction, the Polish declaration that Polish nationals referred to in the Lithuanian appeal will be authorised to return to Poland without hindrance.—*British Wireless.*

Geneva, Dec. 11.

The agreement between Poland and Lithuania merely amounts to a cessation of the state of war, and creates the possibility of the two countries conversing, but the ultimate benefits of the agreement will depend on how the Vilna controversy, which is the main problem, is disposed of.

This was the gist of a statement by M. Valdecmaras to journalists.—*Reuter.*

AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE MOTOR RECORDS.

BRITISH COUPLE'S PROMISING START.

London, Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bruce, who are attempting to establish many new motor records at Montlhery Tract, Paris, and to cover 15,000 miles in ten days and nights, yesterday covered 1,900 miles in 24 hours, averaging nearly 80 miles an hour.

Mrs. Bruce maintained that speed while driving through a thick fog, although twice she narrowly missed leaving the track through inability to see ahead.—*British Wireless.*

gether unwilling to believe that Mr. Harold Porter ever conceived such a letter as he has signed or composed. It is a letter which the text as it appears could not have been written by any honest British official who has been a witness to the events of the past year or who is aware of the inevitable effect of such a document upon the Chinese mind.

Further than this, we have our own reasons for believing firmly that the statement that the landing of troops in Hankow has never been contemplated is inaccurate and that it would be impossible for Mr. Porter to be guilty of this inaccuracy on his own responsibility. It was a very short while ago that we published the appeal from Lord Southborough and various commercial organizations at Home for the re-occupation of Hankow. This letter, we may assume is a typical Foreign Office retort to such a presumptuous plea from groups of mere merchants. We hope sincerely that the significance of it will be made clear by the local British Chamber of Commerce and all other British organizations to Lord Southborough and his fellow-petitioners.

MURDER CHARGE.

SCOTS GUARD TO BE TRIED.

SHOOTING OF HOUSEBOY.

In H.M. Police Court at Shanghai on Wednesday before the Registrar (Mr. I. T. Morris), Corporal Hector M. Robertson appeared on remand charged with the murder of Tze Ling-pei, a houseboy employed by Capt. Duncan Harvey, A. P. M. Shanghai Defence Force. Accused was Capt. Harvey's batman.

Mr. E. T. Maitland conducted the prosecution, Mr. M. Reader Harris appeared for the accused, Mr. Ronald G. MacDonald represented Capt. Harvey, and Mr. A. Covey watched the case on behalf of the relatives of the deceased.

Det.-Sgt. H. Grubb, recalled, said that he went to the Amoy Road Gaol on the morning of December 2. He cautioned the accused, who made the following statement:—

"I was in Capt. Harvey's quarters, Room 601, Chinese United Assurance apartments, Bubbling Well Road, together with Capt. Harvey's boy, when Capt. Harvey left the room about 9.30 a.m. on December 2. Immediately, the captain left the room, the boy brought me in the captain's pistol and stated that Capt. Harvey wished to have it cleaned. On taking the pistol from the boy to clean it, it went off, the bullet striking the wall of the pantry. The boy then took the pistol from me and I don't know what happened afterwards. I only remember leaving the building and walking to Amoy Road Bunkers, where I reported to Sgt. Stillwell, of the Military Foot Police."

Two registered medical practitioners, Messrs. Sing Shik-king and F. D. Szau, gave evidence to the effect that they examined the body of the deceased and found a bullet had entered the chest and emerged from the back.

Det.-Insp. F. Bridges deposed that he had taken photographs of the interior of the apartment at Bubbling Well Road and had also examined a finger print on the automatic pistol. The print was such that it could not be identified. The photographs were put in as exhibits.

Evidence by Captain Harvey.

Capt. Duncan S. Harvey, Scots Guards, said that he had lived in apartment 601 in the China United Assurance Building until December 2. He left the apartment on that date. Deceased was employed as a boy by witness for about seven weeks. Corporal Robertson was his batman and had been for over 18 months.

Witness had brought him out from home for that purpose. He was an exceedingly good servant and witness had never had any trouble with him. Witness last saw the accused between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on the morning in question. Witness had also seen the deceased that morning, he having brought in breakfast. Both the accused and the deceased were left in the apartment; deceased was cleaning something in the pantry. Witness identified the pistol as being his property and said that he had never fired a shot from it. It was last loaded about two weeks previous to the accident and witness had unloaded it afterwards. The pistol was kept in a drawer in a writing table, the magazine being taken out, but there were some 80 or 90 cartridges in the drawer. Witness's general instructions were that his firearms were to be kept clean, but had given no specific instructions in regard to the pistol. He had last seen the pistol on the night of December 1. Witness knew of no trouble between accused and deceased.

Firing of the Shots.

Det.-Supt. H. E. Peck said that he went to the apartment at about 10 o'clock on the morning in question and saw the body of deceased. He made a sketch of the room and the disposition of the body which was lying in the entrance hall.

A hall stand containing golf clubs had fallen upon the body. A sword and scabbard had also fallen on the body. A pistol was lying beside the left breast of deceased, the slide being open.

In reply to Mr. Maitland, witness said that it was not possible for three bullets to be fired simultaneously by pressing the trigger once. The pistol was empty and the magazine could hold eight cartridges.

On the floor, continued witness, he found three empty cases and a flattened bullet. The spent cartridge cases were lying near the feet of deceased. Another bullet was found in the room itself. Witness also found a bullet hole in the frame work of the pantry door, four feet six inches from the floor. This portion of the frame had been removed and was put in as an exhibit. The bullet had not been found and witness suggested that in all probability it had struck the brickwork and had

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SHANGHAI LABOUR TERRORISM.

INTIMIDATORS FINED.

In the Provisional Court at Shanghai, on Wednesday, before Judge Li and Dr. Ramondino, Senior Consul's Deputy, four paper shop employees were charged with intimidation and using threats to paper shop proprietors to force them to close their doors.

Sung Soong-sau and Kyung Tien-sung were charged for the first offence against Zung Ts-hyi, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at 540 Nanking Road.

Det.-Sgt. Gnah stated that the accused were arrested by S. P. C. 571. They were members of the Paper Makers' Union, who were out on strike, and they went to complainant's shop, where they endeavoured to induce the employees of the establishment to go out on strike and to attend the mass meeting to be held that day at 3 p.m. When brought to the station, three union membership cards were found in their possession.

A constable said that he saw the accused go into the shop and intimidate the proprietor and the employees. The tenants closed the doors and there was some trouble inside. Witness then entered the shop when the complainant asked him to arrest the two accused.

Zung Ts-hyi deposed that he was the proprietor of the Ching Yih Hup paper shop. The accused wanted him to close down the shop and the employees to attend the mass meeting that afternoon. Witness was unwilling to comply and accused said that, if witness did not close his shop, they would get some other men to come along later and cause trouble.

The accused, in their statements, said that they were paper shop employees and that they had only gone to the shop because they were sent by the Arbitration Committee of the Union to ask the men to close shop and join the union. Accused denied that they threatened trouble if the men did not close shop; they only asked them to sign on as members and to attend the mass meeting.

Accused were fined \$30 each or 30 days' imprisonment.

In the second instance, Hyu Kuni and Lien Moh-soong were charged with a similar offence against Yoon Ts-zang at 11.20 a.m. on Tuesday at 173 Shantung Road. Accused came to the shop and told the employees that, if they joined the union, they would get more pay, and tried to induce them to attend the mass meeting.

Accused were fined \$20 each or 20 days' imprisonment.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

ANOTHER FINE PERFORMANCE.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production of "Merrie England" on the second night of its performance on Saturday, was rewarded with a large, and most enthusiastic audience. The part of Walter Wilkins, the Shakespearean player in the cast, was for Commander A. S. Bedells a personal triumph. The part of the Earl of Essex was well studied by Mr. H. Glover, who was splendid in both voice and presence.

Very little hitherto has been said of the performance of Mrs. C. P. Marcel as the forlorn "Jill-All-Along," but she deserves a special mention all to herself, if only for the fine performance she gave on Saturday night. Mrs. J. Hurst, as the May Queen, and Mrs. G. Watt, as Queen Bess, were likewise well-cast for their respective parts. The other principals and chorus amply fulfilled all expectations that had been formed from the favourable reports of the opening night's show. The orchestra revealed itself to be a thoroughly capable combination, having had the benefit of Mr. W.H. Fitz-Earle's experience.

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TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1 What is a terrapin?
2 Where and what are the Everglades?
3 What is the difference between (a) a lama and (b) a llama?
4 In what sports are these terms used: (a) approach shot; (b) mid-on; (c) serum; (d) l.b.w.; (e) vantage in (or out)?
5 Who were the Samurais?
6 What style of dress did Mark Twain try to popularise?
7 What is the Guller's Feast, and where does it take place?
8 Who was chief of staff of the German Army during the last two years of the Great War?
9 In what part of a theatre is whistling said to be unlucky?
10 What is a wagon-lit?
11 What is the difference between (a) aseptic and (b) antiseptic?
12 To whom were the following married: Marie Antoinette; Socrates; Anne Hathaway; Robert Browning; Mary Queen of Scots?

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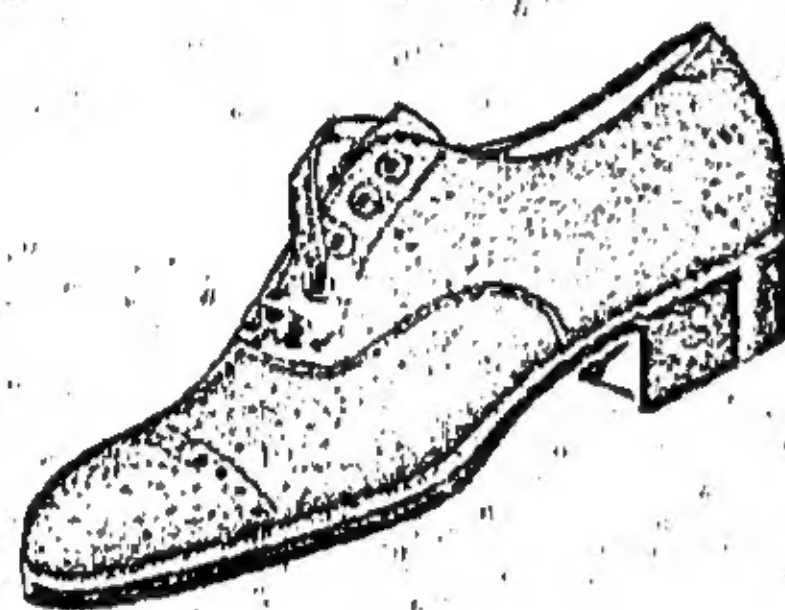
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JAPAN'S BIG BUDGET PROPOSALS.

PROVISION FOR EXPANSION OF COMMERCE.

The following commercial cables from Japan are forwarded by the local Japanese Consulate General.

Japan's estimated total Budget for 1928, recently prepared by the Financial Authorities, amounts to the enormous sum of ¥1,760,000,000 consisting of ¥1,220,000,000 for ordinary expenditure and ¥540,000,000 for extraordinary expenditure, according to a telegraphic message from the Foreign Office, Tokyo.

The amount of ¥180,000,000 is set aside in the newly-completed budget as the additional expense to be solely used for the development of industries and foreign trade. It is also contemplated by the financial authorities to float a loan to the amount of ¥199,000,000.

Business Depression.
A general depression is prevailing in industrial circles. Owing to the non-readjustment of the various banks which suspended business, it is likely that not many small industries will survive the financial difficulties at the year-end. It is planned by the Showa Bank, which opened business on December 1, to pay out to the creditors a part of their deposits at the banks which have suspended payment.

The foreign trade, during the November quarter, recorded ¥156,000,000 for exports, with ¥15,000,000 excess of exports over imports. The adverse balance of trade amounted to ¥141,000,000 up to the November quarter which, compared with the corresponding period last year, showed a decrease of ¥172,000,000.

Weak Exchange.
Referring to the recent weak tone of foreign exchange, the Finance Minister is quoted as saying that the prevailing tendency is due to the seasonal phenomena based on the conditions of international accounts.

He further declared that the Government has no intention whatsoever to resort to artificial measures to cope with the present situation, but it may be obliged to adopt emergency measures in case there prevails any abnormal depression in international accounts, leading to the instability of the market, owing to temporary speculative activities in certain circles.

The National Executive of the Labour Party, sitting in London, has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Herbert M. Gibson, of Manchester, as Labour opponent of the Prime Minister in the Bewdley Division of Worcestershire at the next election. Mr. Gibson, who is just over 30, is a clerk in the electricity department of a Midland corporation. It is understood that he is being introduced to the constituency by Mr. Mosley, M.P.



HEAVY SCORING.

CLUB DE RECREIO TROUNCED.

CLUB'S DEFENCE RIDDLED.

[By "Wanderer".]

Heavy scoring was a feature of the Senior Division matches on Saturday, the Chinese Athletic and R.A.F. reversed the result of their previous encounter with the Club de Recreio in no uncertain manner, but though the margin was unexpected, the destination of the points caused little surprise.

South China defeated the Royal Artillery, and the Police failure against the K.O.S.B. brings them to the foot of the table.

The results were:

Senior Division.	
R.A.	1 South China 2
Police	0 K.O.S.B. 5
Chinese Ath.	6 H.K.F.C. 0
R.A.F.	6 Recreio 0
Scots Guards	0 Kowloon 0

Junior Division "A".	
Recreio	0 St. Joseph's 3
K.O.S.B.	0 S. China "A" 1
R.A. Res.	3 University 2
S. China "B"	1 Chinese Ath. 1

Junior Division "B".	
St. Joseph's	2 S. China "B" 1
Kowloon	0 Kung Mo 3
S. China "A"	6 Moslems 1
Boy Scouts	1 Chinese Ath. 4

South China Spring Surprise.

South China brought-off the one real surprise victory of the day in defeating the Royal Artillery by two goals to one. The military side paid the penalty for excess of confidence, never putting real spirit into their play until South China had established a two goal lead after a negative first half.

The final effort of the Royal Artillery to pull the match out of the fire was an admirable one, but South China hung-on grimly, the backs kicking cleanly, while the half-backs tackled quickly and gave little scope for manoeuvring. Sargent reduced the lead after another shot had struck the foot of the post, but by concentrating on defence, South China nullified all attempts to secure the equaliser.

To begin with, the R.A. appeared to be in good fettle, neat passing movements keeping the forwards on the move with almost clockwork precision. Li Tin-sang showed up prominently in defence and clever anticipation enabled him to intervene when the situation was developing most dangerously. The R.A. finishing on the whole was poor, the display being much below par.

Wong Wu scored twice for South China at the beginning of the second half after several dangerous bursts had been stayed by good work by Trim and Phillips.

The R.A. treated the opposition too lightly from the beginning, and never fully recovered after slackness had enabled the South China half-backs to take the initiative.

In Scoring Mood.

Netting four times in the first half, the K.O.S.B. defeated the Police by five goals to nil on the St. Joseph's ground, gaining their biggest success of the season. There was life in the Borderers' attack not apparent in the majority of their matches this season, and early on it was clear that the Police defence would be severely tested.

Humphreys netted from Alexander's pass soon after the start, and midway through the first half, three further goals accrued in the space of ten minutes. The first was curious in its way. Stock hit the cross-bar with a fast shot and the rebounding ball struck Clark's back and rolled into the net. Humphreys found the Police defence at sea in the next minute, and scored easily from close range, while Stock headed in a centre five minutes later.

The Rev. Alexander played a prominent part in the K.O.S.B.'s big win, having a share in four of the goals. Fed delightfully by McGlinchey, he was too big a handful for Britain, and he passed Wynne time after time by extreme cleverness. Humphreys led the line in great style, swinging the ball about and shooting capably.

Suen Scores Four.

The Club defence had an unenviable experience against Chinese Athletic, giving a capital exhibi-

ATTEMPT TO PREVENT RACING.

A WEMBLEY DOG-RACE SENSATION.

London, Dec. 11.

A huge crowd at Wembley on Saturday night were unaware that they nearly went without seeing any greyhound racing. A sensational attempt to prevent racing is now revealed.

Just before the first race, somebody tampered with the trap whence the dogs are released for the races, and smashed the mechanism, so that it would not work. Fortunately another dog trap was available, and was quickly substituted. The police are investigating the affair.—Reuter.

tion for the major portion of the game, but conceding six goals. For just a few short periods, the backs weakened and in those periods, the Chinese took their opportunities, netting twice before the interval and four times in the second half.

The Club forwards were a line of individualists and caused the Chinese defence little serious trouble, but it could hardly be suggested that six goals difference represented the merits of the sides.

Suen Kam-shun had one of his very best days, positioning himself ideally and shooting effectively on almost every opportunity. He missed a penalty in the first half by striking the foot of the post with a hard drive, but later, netted easily from Lee Wai-koon's pass and, after the interval, scored three further goals.

Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wa and Lam Yuk-ying assumed control of the game from the outset, breaking up Club attacks in great style and judiciously passing to the fast moving forward line. Chan Kwong-ai continued his improved form on the left wing, while Suen and Lee Wai-koon were ever-dangerous inside.

Complete Reversal.

The Club de Recreio have not met with such a severe defeat since their first season in the Senior Division as that inflicted by the R.A.F. on Saturday. The two goals led held by the Airman at the interval was scarcely in line with the run of the play; but in second half there was no doubting the visitors' superiority and four further goals were scored.

Vernon (2), Burch (2) and Constable (2) were the R.A.F. scorers, but the Recreio contributed somewhat to their own defeat by excessive reshuffling of the side when they found themselves in arrears. Some measure of ill-luck dogged them throughout. A. A. Remedios was absent, and with Gosano playing at centre-half, the forward line lacked finish.

The R.A.F. played soundly from start to finish, keeping the ball moving in the right direction and snapping up their opportunities in good fashion.

Goalless Draw.

Kowloon improved on their early season performance by playing the Scots Guards to a goalless draw. Frank Wheeler, the Kowloon captain, made his first appearance, and although he took some time to settle down, it was evident in the second half that he will soon be his old self again.

In the first half, the Guards should have been ahead, but a brilliant display by Angus between the posts averted a score, while Jackson was called upon to hold some hot ones at the other end.

Kowloon took up the attack vigorously in the second half, but Hurst and Johnson were equal to the occasion, and later Wheeler and Dodgson were subjected to a severe pressure. McNiven almost netted for the Guards but Angus brought off a magnificent save.

Kowloon were within an ace of snatching the victory when Vickers broke through and sent towards the corner of the net. Jackson saved splendidly by diving at full length.

With The Juniors.

The K.O.S.B. Reserves continue to pile up goals against weak opposition, netting nine against South China "B". The only surprise of the Junior Divisions was brought off by South China "B" who drew with the Chinese Athletic after a hard game. The Athletic netted the equaliser when only one minute remained for play.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 17th:—

DIVISION I.

Bolton W.	v	Aston Villa.
Manchester U.	v	Arsenal.
Wednesday	v	Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Blackpool	v	Barnsley.
Oldham	v	Preston N.E.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Brentford	v	Charlton.
Bournemouth	v	Watford.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Barrow	v	Wigan.
Chesterfield	v	New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen	v	Motherwell.
Dunfermline	v	Hibernians.
Hearts	v	Cowdenbeath.

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Brentford	v	Charlton			
Bournemouth	v	Watford			
Barrow	v	Wigan			
Chesterfield	v	New Brighton			
Aberdeen	v	Motherwell			
Dunfermline	v	Hibernians			
Hearts	v	Cowdenbeath			

LAWN BOWLS.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY MR. R. LAPSLEY.

Although for many years past Mr. R. Lapsley, of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, has been one of the foremost lawn bowls players of the Colony he has hitherto not figured as a winner of the Open Championship Singles, which honour, however, he won on Saturday when playing in the final of the competition against Mr. J. C. Brown, of the same Club. Many congratulations will have been extended to Mr. Lapsley on his victory, for he is one of the Colony's most popular lawn bowls enthusiasts.

The match was played at the Kowloon Dock in the presence of a large number of spectators, which included the President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association (Mr. R. Sutherland) and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. A. O. Brown, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. C. J. Tacchi, the Hon. Secretary. Messrs. Brown and Tacchi were the umpire and measurer respectively.

Lapsley thoroughly deserved his win, gaining his 21 points in 20 heads, while his opponent was col-

AT THE MACAO RACES.

A DAY OF SPLENDID SPORT.

[By "Sundowner".]

As I predicted last Friday, the racing at Macao over the weekend was from every point of view a wonderful success. It was certainly the most wonderful day I have spent for some time, and judging by the remarks of all those present they were all delighted with the day's outing.

The attendance was considerably better than at previous meetings, and judging by the crowds which swarmed around the pay-out window after each race, I am inclined to think that the racing fans had a most successful day.

Full praise is due to the officials of the meeting for the manner in which everything was conducted without a hitch, and I think special mention is due to the indefatigable efforts of the general secretary of the Race Club, Mr. S. W. Cheng, who has certainly cultivated the habit of always being in the place where he can be of greatest assistance. I also noticed Mr. K. H. Chun has returned to the colony, and although he participated in most of the races he was always to be seen giving a helping hand where required.

It was rather unfortunate that, owing to a misunderstanding, the initial race of the day was started. The first race distinctly stated that it was for all China ponies that had started at Macao and have not been placed since last September, 1927, but for some unknown reason, after having weighed out, Green Island's name was removed from the starters' board. Subsequently, with the permission of the Stewards, he was allowed to join the starters at the post and participated in the race which he eventually won. A protest was entered, which in my opinion was over-ruled by the Stewards, who showed what excellent sports they were by paying Three first money. A reference to the fifth race on the programme will convince anybody what the intention was as regards the wording of the last race.

Mr. P. H. Hodgson, who officiated as starter was everything that could be desired both from the point of view of the public and the jockeys, who much prefer to see everybody get a fair start.

Mr. G. U. da Rosa was the most successful jockey, with the honours evenly distributed among the other riders.

Amongst the ponies I mentioned in my notes last Friday, Green Island, Ma Kou Siao, and Wild Fellow, won; those who were placed second were Sunning, twice, and Warlordship. The others mentioned, Shanghai Friend and Ma Kou Siao, ran third. Warrington and Wuchang did not start.

lecting 10 points. Gaining the "shot" at the first head, Lapsley was always the first to lead, though the opening stages were kept very evenly matched. At the end of the 11th head, both players had six points to their credit, and then Brown scored three, giving him the lead. Except for one more point, scored in the 13th head, Lapsley then held him pointless until the end, scoring in all but one of eight consecutive heads. The detailed scores were:—

Head.	R.	Lapsley.	J. C. Brown.
1	1	1	—
2	1	2	—
3	—	2	1
4	2	4	—
5	—	4	1
6	—	4	1
7	1	5	—
8	1	5	1
9	—	6	1
10	1	6	—
11	—	6	3
12	—	6	3
13	1	7	—
14	4	11	—
15	2	18	—
16	—	13	1
17	2	15	—
18	2	17	—
19	2	19	—
20	2	21	—

Lapsley on his way to the final beat W. E. Nicholson, L. Laing, J. McGargan, J. Dobie and W. Russell, whilst Brown, who had a bye in the first round, defeated G. R. Edwards, A. L. Shields, C. Atkinson and A. M. Holland.

Prizes Presented.

At the conclusion of the game, the prizes won in the competition, the Shields and the Spay Royal Cup were presented by Mrs. Sutherland.

The prize list was as follows:—Singles Championship.—Mr. R. Lapsley; runner up, Mr. J. C. Brown; 3rd prize, Mr. W. Russell; 4th prize, Mr. Holland.

1st. Division League Shield.—The Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

2nd. Division League Shield.—The Kowloon Cricket Club.

Spay Royal Cup.—Taikoo Recreation Club.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Mr. Tacchi, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Sutherland, the President, after which the customary cheers were given. The visitors were entertained to tea by the Club.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE COLLAPSE.

The Civil Service Cricket Club sustained a heavy defeat at the hands of Craignower C.C. on Saturday. The whole side surprisingly collapsed against Craignower's bowling, scoring a meagre total of 37 runs, of which A. E. Wood was responsible for no less than 22. A. B. Hamson, for Craignower, took five wickets at the cost of only fourteen runs.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R. C. drew with the Royal Navy, and in the second division Civil Service secured the points from the Royal Engineers.

On the H.K.C.C. ground the friendly match between the Cricket Club and the K.C.C. was drawn. Batting first, the K.C.C. declared at 145 for the loss of five wickets, but Hongkong made 115 for the loss of six wickets when stumps were drawn.

DIVISION I.

C.C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.

Playing at Craignower C.C., the Civil Service C.C. were heavily defeated by the home team.

Batting first, Craignower compiled 155 runs for 8 wickets. A. Kitchell, scoring 50, was in good form with the ball and obtained 4 wickets for 33.

Craignower's bowling proved surprisingly deadly. Hamson (6 for 14) and Oliver (4 for 17) running through the visitors. Civil Service were all out for 37 runs, of which Wood claimed 22. Scores:

Craignower C.C.	
H. P. Lim, b Hamilton	4
A. Kitchell, b Ling	50
E. Zimmerman, b Hamilton	14
U. M. Omar, b Hamilton	4
A. B. Hamson, b Evans	25
S. Abbas, b Ling	0
D. Runjahn, b de Rome, b Evans	10
D. Fritz, b Hamilton	16
W. Mackay, not out	16
J. W. Leonard, not out	0
Extras	17

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 155

F. Oliver did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Ling	10 2 21 2
Evans	13 1 42 2
Hamilton	10 1 33 4
Hawkins	2 1 14 1
Sayer	2 1 13 1
Grimmilt	2 5 13 1

Civil Service C.C.

F. J. de Rome, run out	0
H. E. Strange, c Runjahn, b Hamson	0
A. E. Wood, c Runjahn, b Oliver	22
B. D. Evans, c Leonard, b Oliver	7
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Leonard, b Oliver	0
Oliver	1
A. W. Grimmit, not out	5
E. W. Hamilton, b Hamson	0
F. H. Holdman, b Hamson	0
V. Chittenden, b Hamson	0
F. J. Ling, b Hamson	0
Extras	2

Total 37

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Hamson	9 1 4 14 5
Oliver	8 3 17 4
Abbas	1 1 6 1

Chinese R.C. v. Navy.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese R.C. shared the points with the Royal Navy.

The Rev. Venn was the highest contributor for the Navy, making 51 before being caught. A. West and Lt. Thurston contributed 22 each. Ching captured 6 wickets for 35 runs.

The Chinese R.C. replied with 105 for the loss of six wickets, when stumps were drawn. Yeoh made 37, not out, whilst Youngsaye got 20. Lt. Comdr. Thomson took all the six wickets for 30 runs. Scores:

Royal Navy.	
Rev. Venn, c Yung, b Ching	51
Lt. Comdr. Shaw, c W. C. Hung, b Ng Sze-kwong	0
Lt. Cecil, b Hung	1
Lt. Salter, b Ching	9
Lt. Ching, c Ng Sze-kwong, b Ching	0
Lt. Philips, c Yeoh, b Ching	0
A. E. West, b Hung	22
Lt. Comdr. Thomson, c Yung, b Ching	0
Lt. Thurston, b Hung	22
Surg. Lt. Comdr. Tighe, c Ching, b Ng Sze-kwong	9
C. E. R. A. Miller, not out	13
Extras	18

Total 143

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Ng Sze-kwong	15 1 67 2
W. C. Hung	10 4 2 28 3
Ching	10 2 35 5

Chinese R.C.

Ng Sze-kwong, b Thomson	18
W. C. Hung, b Thomson	6
J. L. Youngsaye, b Thomson	20
T. E. Yeoh, not out	37
P. M. Kwan, b Thomson	0
H. Ching, c Philips, b Thomson	0
H. L. Yung, not out	0
Extras	17

Total (for 8 wks.) 105

H. C. Hung, W. P. Tsui, K. L. Chau did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Thomson	17 10 80 6
Tighe	3 1 6 1
West	3 1 12 1
Walking	8 1 32 1
Miller	3 1 8 1

DIVISION II.

Civil Service 2nd v. R.E.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI defeated the Royal Engineers by 41 runs.

For the winners, Paterson scored 60 not out, which included eleven fours. Capt. Bridgland (37) and L/Cpl. Goodyer (15) were the only batsmen to get into doubles for the visitors. Scores:

Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.	
H. F. Harper, c and b Bellow	0
P. J. O'Neill, b Bellow	0
R. F. Davies, c Jones, b Bellow	12
W. F. J. Gorvin, b Goodyer	0
R. S. W. Paterson, not out	60
R. G. Robertson, c Trumper, b Goodyer	1
A. G. Ursell, b Bellow	12
C. Sara, b Jones	0
A. H. Oswald, c Trumper, b Jones	9
S. E. Alderman, b Bridgland	7
Extras	7

Total 120

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Goodyer	13 5 19 2
Bellow	16 2 55 5
Jones	5 1 23 2
Bridgland	1 4 15 1

Royal Engineers.

Sgt. Bellow, c Paterson, b Sara	4
Sgt. Radcliffe, b Robertson	0
Sgt. Waters, run out	7
L/Cpl. Goodyer, run out	15
Capt. Bridgland, lb.w., b Gorvin	37
Sgt. Penney, c Alderman, b Paterson	0
Sgt. Trumper, b Robertson	0
Lt. McDonald, b Robertson	1
Sgt. Jones, not out	6
Extras	0

Total 79

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Robertson	11 1 4 23 3
Sara	7 1 25 1
Gorvin	6 2 22 2
Paterson	2 1 9 1

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Hongkong C.C. drew with the Kowloon C.C. in a friendly match.

Kowloon scored 146 for five wickets declared. Capt. Morris getting 71 not out and Lyle 37. Four wickets were down to thirty when Morris and Lyle came together. The partnership was a profitable one, putting on over a hundred.

The Hongkong C.C. made 115 for six wickets, Hayward obtaining 32. Scores:

Kowloon C.C.	
W. Bruce, b Leach	13
A. W. Hamsey, c Hayward, b Leach	13
P. E. Lawrence, c Morris, b Wales	4
Capt. E. F. Morris, not out	71
Capt. Drysdale, c and b Wales	1
J. C. Lyle, b Parker	37
E. F. Fincher, not out	0
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 146

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Dobbie	4 1 7 1
Wales	16 3 48 2
Leach	12 3 36 2
Thorp	6 1 16 1
Parker	5 1 28 1
Cornaby	1 1 4 0

Hongkong C.C.

D. W. Leach, c Fincher, b Bruce	12
A. W. Hayward, b Fincher	32
T. E. Pearce, c Drysdale, b Morris	9
Capt. N. Thorpe, c Bruce, b Morris	14
J. R. Hinton, c Bruce, b Bruce	10
C. A. Moore, not out	18
Capt. A. C. Dobbie, not out	10
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wks.) 115

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Lyle	9 1 42 1
Bruce	7 1 19 2
Fincher	6 1 21 1
Morris	5 1 25 3

Varsity 2nd v. Reorio.

At Pokfulam, the University 2nd defeated Club de Reorio by 43 runs.

With only 92 to get to win, the Reorio could not do better than 49.

I.R.C. "B" v. Electric R.C.

On their own ground, the Indian R.C. "B" suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the Electric R.C.

The Electric R.C. scored 141 runs, Murdoch's share being 43.

The Indian R.C. "B" were all out for 64. Murdoch returning the splendid analysis of 7 for 18.

Reorio v. Air Force.

At King's Park, the Club de Reorio defeated the Royal Air Force by one wicket.

The Air Force scored 95, and the Portuguese just managed to pass this figure. When stumps were drawn they had scored 99 for nine wickets.

P.R.C. v. Queen's Regt.

At Happy Valley the Queen's Regiment beat the Police R.C. by 6 wickets.

The home eleven had first innings but could only make 102 runs. The soldiers replied with 120 for 4 wickets when stumps were drawn. Their principal scorers were Underwood (35) Lt. Elliot (25) and Lt. Ford (23).

K.C.C. 2nd v. China Light.

The K.C.C. 2nd entertained a team from the China Light and Power Co., the latter winning by three wickets.

The home team compiled 85, and the visitors passed this total for the loss of seven wickets, eventually making 104. Tinson was the chief contributor with 26.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

The positions in the League to date are:

P. W. D. L. Pts.	
Craignower C.C.	3 2 1 7
Indian R.C. "A"	2 2 1 6
Royal Navy	3 1 2 5
Chinese R.C.	4 1 1 2 4
University	1 1 1 3
Civil Service C.C.	2 1 1 3
Royal Engineers	3 1 1 3
Kowloon C.C.	3 1 1 3

Division II.

P. W. D. L. Pts.

University 2nd	3 3 1 9
Club de Reorio	4 3 1 9
R.A.O.C.	4 3 1 9
Civil Service C.C.	3 1 1 4
Police R.C.	5 1 1 4
Electric R.C.	2 1 1 3
Royal Navy 2nd	2 1 1 3
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	2 1 1 3
Tamar	3 1 1 3
Royal Engineers	2 1 1 3

UNIVERSITY BEATEN.

Go Down Badly Before the Combined League.

The combined league had little difficulty in defeating the University. Past and Present on the latter's ground yesterday. In their first innings the University knocked up 62. They did better in their second knock making 143, but in their single innings the combined league knocked up a total of 220. Scores:

University 1st Innings.	
A. H. Rumjahn, c and b Bruce	6
S. V. Gittins, c Hamson, b Thompson	0
E. A. Lee, c Ismail, b Bruce	0
A. A. Rumjahn, c Dale, b Thompson	11
Ng Pow-poo, b Thompson	3
C. W. Lam, b Bruce	1
A. Guterres, b Bruce	0
J. Barrow, not out	14
S. Kermani, c Sayer, b Hamson	16
W. H. Sling, b Dale	0
S. Hachumi, not out	0
Extras	8

Total 62

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Thompson	11 3 19 3
Hamson	10 3 24 4
Dale	2 5 7 1

Combined League 1st Innings.

A. W. Ramsey, c Lee, b Guterres	5
W. C. Hung, c Sling, b Guterres	13
A. H. Madar, retired	14
A. B. Hamson, at Sling, b A. H. Rumjahn	89
W. Bruce, c Sling, b Guterres	16
Lt. Dale, run out	26
G. R. Sayer, c Barrow, b Guterres	7
L. Shaw, c Guterres, b A. H. Rumjahn	17
J. S. A. Curreen, not out	15
L. Thompson, b Guterres	1
S. A. Ismail, not out	12
Extras	16

Total 220

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Guterres	14 1 40 3
Lam	6 1 28 0
Lee	7 1 35 0
A. A. Rumjahn	5 0 34 0
Barrow	4 1 14 0
Gittins	11 3 47 2
A. H. Rumjahn	2 0 6 2

University 2nd Innings.

A. H. Rumjahn, c Curreen, b Thompson	17
S. V. Gittins, c Hamson, b Madar	0
E. A. Lee, b Thompson	13
A. A. Rumjahn, c Curreen, b Madar	39
Ng Pow-poo, c Ismail, b Thompson	0
C. W. Lam, b Bruce	1
A. P. Guterres, c Bruce, b Thompson	4
J. Barrow, b Bruce	0
S. Kermani, b Thompson	4
W. H. Sling, not out	26
S. Hachumi, c and b Curreen	5
Extras	34

Total 143

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Madar	9 3 21 4
Curreen	5 4 11 1
Thompson	13 2 22 5
Bruce	6 1 16 1
Sayer	3 0 14 0
Dale	6 1 22 0

MACAO RACES.

GOOD RACING ON SUNDAY.

The Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao took place in the Portuguese colony, in ideal weather.

The Results.

1.—The Penha Plate—5 Furlongs. Winner \$250. 2nd \$100. 3rd \$50. For all China ponies that have started at Macao and have not been placed since 1st Sept. 1927. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance Fee \$5.

Mr. Roda's Green Island (Mr. Wong) 1

Messrs. Stanton & Reid's Tarco (Mr. Stanton) 2

H. E. The Governor's Veloz (Mr. Charles) 3

Also ran: Peking (Lt. Bulleel), Lucky Star (Mr. G. Roza), Hailo (Mr. Gordon).

Time: 1.19 min. 1 length, 1/2 length.

Pari Mutuel: Winner \$18.40 on Tarco, Places \$8.50 on Tarco and \$9.20 on Veloz.

Cash Sweeps: 1st—Ticket No. 10; 2nd—Ticket No. 61; 3rd—Ticket No. 7.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the eligibility of Green Island, no tickets in the pari mutuel were sold on this pony and winning dividend was paid on the second pony, and for places on the second and third ponies.

A protest to the Stewards of the Meeting as regards Green Island was not sustained by the Stewards of the Meeting by unanimous decision.

2.—The Macao 1927 Griffin Stakes—1 1/4 Miles. Winner \$300. 2nd \$125. 3rd \$75. For all China ponies, griffins of 1927. Weight for inches as per scale. Classic winners 10 lbs. extra. Entrance Fee \$5.

Mr. Leun Yick's Ma Kou Siac (Mr. G. Roza) 1

Mr. N. Hashim's Sin Ning (Mr. Charles) 2

Messrs. Mok & Chue's Honey Moon (Mr. Stanton) 3

Also ran: Glenmerin (Mr. Chun), Six Hundred (Mr. Wong).

Time: 2.47 1/5 min. Two lengths, Many lengths.

Pari Mutuel: Winner \$7.20, Places \$5.10, \$5.10.

Cash Sweeps: 1st—Ticket No. 88; 2nd—Ticket No. 16; 3rd—Ticket No. 108.

3.—The Kuling Plate—3/4 Mile. Winner \$200. 2nd \$75. 3rd \$50. For all China ponies that have not won more than one race this year at time of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. extra. Entrance Fee \$5.

Messrs. Kiangwan & Co's Castle (Mr. G. Roza) 1

Mr. Chin Lee's Yuen Sin (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Recreation's Chin Shan (Mr. Sewell) 3

Also ran: Cherry Brandy (Mr. Y. M. Lo), Man-of-war (Mr. Chun), Waichow (Mr. Charles), Sutherland (Mr. Gordon), Taree (Mr. Stanton), Wild Hawk (Lt. Bulleel).

Time: 1.34 3/5 min. 1/2 length. A head.

Pari Mutuel: Winner \$207.70, Places \$133.00, \$77.00, \$77.10.

Cash Sweeps: 1st—Ticket No. 49; 2nd—Ticket No. 130; 3rd—Ticket No. 5.

4.—The Tai Ping Plate—Half Mile. Winner \$200. 2nd \$75. 3rd \$50. For all China ponies. Winners this year of races of 5 Furlongs or under, other than races confined to Subscription Griffin of Hongkong Jockey Club of one race 7 lbs. extra. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance Fee \$5.

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tso (Mr. G. Roza) 1

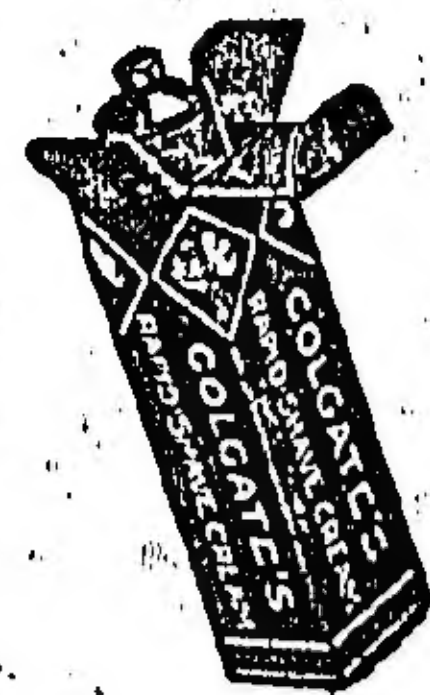
Mr. Cheuk Suen Lo's Tap Siac (Mr. Chun) 2

Mr. Hee Cheong's Iron General (Mr. Charles) 3

Mr. Cheuk Suen Lo's Shanghai Friend (Mr. Wong) 3

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

DIPHTHERIA WAR MUST BE WAGED.

CONTINUOUS EFFORT WANTED.

The battle with diphtheria is a campaign of eternal vigilance. The medical profession has shown in its laboratories that the injection of toxin anti-toxin will develop a resistance to the disease and that cases seen early and treated promptly with anti-toxin are likely to recover.

Unfortunately, there are still thousands of persons who neglect to provide their children with protective measures and who delay calling competent medical advice even when the disease appears.

Immunization Among 1700.

In a period of ten years all of the boys in Girard college were immunized against the disease and in that time there was only one case of diphtheria among 1,700 boys, and that occurred in a boy who had just entered and who had not been protected.

The death rate for diphtheria is diminishing every year, falling from a rate of 50 per one hundred thousand people in 1890 to rates of 9 to 20 in 1926.

New York city had 1,239 deaths and 14,014 cases of diphtheria in 1919 and the rate for that city has fallen so that there were 874 deaths in 10,427 cases in 1922, and 477 deaths in 7,531 cases in 1926. Bear in mind that New York is a city of some 7,000,000 people, and that a rate similar to that of 1890 would have meant hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Occasional Increases.

Occasionally there are sudden sharp increases in the number of cases of diphtheria and in the number of deaths even in communities that have been thoroughly protected against the disease.

There are several factors involved which explain these sharp rises. Most significant is the fact that the bacterium is a living organism the same as the human being and that it sometimes becomes more virulent than it is at other periods.

A special investigation made in New York city of 150 cases of diphtheria revealed the fact that only two or three per cent. had received preventive injections, and that even in those that had received the preventive injections sufficient time had not elapsed to permit immunity to develop.

SENATORS' SEATS.

CAMPAIGN CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY.

Washington, Dec. 10.

Mr. Vane has been denied his oath of office by the Senate. His case is being referred to the Reed Campaign Funds Committee which discovered evidence which the Republicans, Messrs. Vane and Smith, were accused of a "Campaign of financing contrary to public policy."

—Reuter's American Service.

YACHTING.

R.H.K. YACHT CLUB BEAT THE NAVY.

One of the keenest and most interesting contests between the Royal Yacht Club and the Navy was sailed off yesterday, the Club winning by the narrow margin of two points.

The morning race was over a course Channel Rocks (P.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rocks (S.), Mark on Line (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.) and finish at Club, a distance of 6.2 miles. The Navy held the advantage throughout, and when all the boats had finished had established a lead of 18 points—77 to 59. In the afternoon, however, the Club turned the tables over a course Channel Rocks (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.), Kowloon Rock (S.) and finish at Club line, and obtained a total of 78 points to 59, thus winning by the narrow margin, amid considerable excitement at the Club house.

The most successful yachts were Colleen and Ailsa, both securing a first and a second.

Morning Race.

The result of the morning race was as under:

R.H.K.Y.C.

	Posn.	Pts.
Ailsa (C. E. L. Grist)	2	15
Dorothea (F. D. Tracy)	3	14
Why Wonder? (H. J. Pearce)	5	12
Lola (R. M. Jack)	9	9
Zephyr (J. E. M. Bland)	12	6
Joan (Capt. Howard)	14	4
Gael (R. Payton-Reid)	15	3
Adele (Capt. B. Mayfield)	16	2
Disq.		

Total Pts. 59

Royal Navy.

Colleen (Lt. Comdr. Drinkwater)	1	17
Haleyon (Comdr. S. J. Herbert)	3	13
Adanac (Commodore Pearson)	7	10
Boojum (Lt. Devereux)	9	10
Thecla (Lt. Lipscombe)	8	9
Wings (Eng. Comdr. H. H. Gordon)	10	7
Pierrette (Lt. Comdr. Dodginton)	11	6
Viking (Lt. Bassett)	13	4
Disq.		

Total Pts. 77

Afternoon Race.

R.H.K.Y.C.

Colleen (F. G. Vaux)	2	15
Adanac (Lt. Col. Gunn)	5	12
Haleyon (Capt. le Gros)	4	13
Boojum (H. S. Rouse)	6	11
Thecla (G. M. Kimmont)	7	10
Wings (R. J. Vernal)	8	9
Viking (E. Scott-Elliott)	12	6
Pierrette (Capt. Jacobs-Laricom)	14	3
Disq.		

Total Pts. 78

Royal Navy.

Ailsa (Lt. Myers)	1	17
Why Wonder? (Eng. Comdr. Marshall)	3	14
Adele (Major Miles)	9	8
Joan (Lt. Holt)	10	7
Zephyr (Lt. Comdr. Littleton)	11	6
Gael (Capt. Whitworth)	13	4
Lola (Lt. Comdr. Silcock)	15	2
Dorothea (Comdr. Boucher)	16	1
Disq.		

Total Pts. 58

Saturday's Races.

The fifth championship race was held on Saturday over a course Quarry Bay, Mark (P.), Channel Rocks (P.), Mark of Line (S.), and Kowloon Rocks (S.), a distance of 8.33 miles. The results were as under:

Handicap Class.

	Fin. Time.	Corr. Time.
Diana (4)	3:55.04	3:53.40
Colleen (2)	3:58.42	3:51.45
Rolla (5)	3:55.02	3:54.02
Falcon (6)	4:13.58	4:05.38
La Linda (3)	3:59.45	3:53.30
Dorothea (1)	4:00.04	

I and G. Classes.

Daphne (4)	4:12.01	4:12.01
Ailsa (6)	4:12.59	4:12.59
Haleyon (7)	4:15.56	4:15.56
Gael (8)	4:25.19	4:19.05
Pierrette (3)	4:15.20	4:11.51
Thecla (6)	4:23.06	4:12.22
Viking (2)	4:18.30	4:09.34
Joan (1)	4:14.11	4:07.56

Y. Class.

Why Wonder? (3)	4:19.39	4:19.39
Wings (5)	4:20.30	4:20.30
Bluenose	D.N.F.	
Boojum (1)	4:16.13	4:16.13
Adele	D.N.F.	
Adanac (2)	4:17.21	4:17.21
Zephyr	D.N.F.	
Lola (4)	4:25.16	4:19.42

Points to Date.

	Handicap Class.	I and G. Classes.
Dorothea	31	
Colleen	35	
Argulla II	24	
Rolla	34	
Diana	22	
Falcon	3	
Pierrette	38	
Daphne	27	
Joan	21	
Haleyon	20	
Viking	20	
Ailsa	18	
Gael	16	

Y. Class.

Why Wonder?	43
Boojum	35
Adanac	35
Lola	25
Bluenose	25
Adele	21
Wings	17
Zephyr	10
Disq.	0

SERVICE BOXING.

INTERESTING BOUTS AT MURRAY BARRACKS.

There was some keen boxing at Murray Barracks on Saturday when Argus and K.O.S.B. men were in opposition. The honours were evenly divided, and generally speaking the men showed good form and stamina.

The first fight was between Cpl. Freeman and A.B. Thompson, who boxed four rounds at the welter weight. There was little between the two, both of whom seemed to be inexperienced. Punching was wild and there was nothing in it in the first two rounds. Both were very game, however, and Freeman was given the verdict on points.

Cpl. McGill could hardly stand up to A.B. Mitchell in the lightweight class. He went down four times in the first round and only the gong saved him from the count. He went down again after a short sparring bout in the second, and gave the fight to Mitchell.

Tel. Perkins was superior to L/Cpl. Frame but in the early rounds both got in some good blows. Frame was badly punished in the second, and got up after being sent to the board three times. He withstood a hail of punches, bearing his punishment like a man. Down again at the end of the second, the gong saved him. He was still groggy for the third and after being sent down once more, the referee called the fight off, giving Perkins the decision.

Plenty of Dash.

Fast but wild fighting characterised the bantamweight bout between Sgt. Seaman and A.B. Munch. The soldier got the better of the early exchanges, being speedier than Munch. Both punched freely with a lack of science and the fight at times almost degenerated into a scramble. Munch improved considerably in the last round, and the boxing brightened up a good deal. Munch won the fight on this round.

There was plenty of dash and go in the featherweight fight between Pte. Hume and Tel. Bates. After an even first round, characterised by rapid exchanges, Hume added to his points by frequent scoring with both hands. He improved further in the third and led by a large margin. When Bates came up for the fourth, obviously having had almost enough. The referee also thought so, and the fight was called off towards the end of the round, Hume being the victor.

A Knock-Out.

The first knock-out came when Pte. Smith met Sig. Morris in a six round middleweight contest. Morris attacked strongly and knocked his opponent out in the first round.

One of the best bouts of the evening was the between Pte. Carney and Stoker Gray. Carney was the better of the two in the opening round, but the exchanges were fairly even. He shone in the third, particularly when he jarred Gray's jaw and gave him a good deal of punishment.

The fourth was more even, Gray coming home an upper cut to the jaw. Carney dropped a few more points in the fifth, both men going hammer and tongs. Gray had the best of the argument in the last round and won on points by a narrow margin.

Trophies Presented.

Before calling upon Captain Palmer, of H.M.S. Argus, to distribute the prizes, Lieut.-Colonel Comyn welcomed the "Argus" boys and hoped that there would be more boxing meetings. He also thanked Messrs. Caldwell, MacGregor and Company, Lane Crawford, Ltd., Whiteaway, Laidlaw, and Gulam Nabi for donating the cups which went toward the winners and runners-up.

Capt. Palmer then distributed the trophies and said he was very pleased to see his boys participating in a fight which he hoped would be the forerunner of many more to come.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

NEXT YEAR'S RACE IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 10.

The Royal Aero Club announced last night that the race next year for the Schneider airplane trophy has been fixed for some day in September, probably at either the Solent, Blackpool, Morecambe or near Liverpool. No decision yet has been reached.

British Wireless.



Even the most pessimistic woman looks on the bright side of a mirror.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SECOND ROUND CUP RESULTS.

Results of Saturday's Home football as cabled by Reuter are as follows:

The Cup (Second Round).

Gainsboro'	0	Lincoln	2
Bradford C.	2	Rotherham	3
Bradford	0	Southport	2
Crews	2	Stockport	0
Wrexham	1	Carlisle	1
Darlington	2	Rochdale	3
Tranmere	3	Halifax	1
New Brighton	7	Rhyl	1
Bournemouth	6	Bristol R.	1
Gillingham	2	Southend	0
Luton	6	Norwich	0
Charlton	1	Kettering	1
Swindon	0	Crystal Pal.	1
Peterboro'	2	Aldershot	1
Northants	1	Brighton	1
Exeter	5	Ilford	0
London Cals.	1	Bath	3

Division I.

Arsenal	4	Newcastle	1
Aston Villa	2	Everton	3
Burnley	0	Huddersfield	1
Bury	1	Tottenham	2
Derby	6	Blackburn	0
Leicester	3	Middlesbrough	3
Liverpool	2	Birmingham	3
Portsmouth	0	Wolves	0
Sheff. U.	2	Manchester U.	1
Sunderland	0	Cardiff	2
West Ham	2	Bolton	0

Division II.

Barnsley	0	Oldham	1
Fulham	2	Notts. County	1
Hull	1	Bristol C.	0
Leeds	5	Chelsea	1
Manchester C.	3	West Brom.	1
Notts. Forest	4	Clapton	3
Port Vale	3	Reading	0
Preston	2	Stoke	0
St. Shields	2	Blackpool	0
Swansea	2	Southampton	1
Wolves	0	Grimsby	1

Division III (South).

Plymouth	3	Millwall	2
Merthyr	3	Brentford	0
Walsall	4	Torquay	0
Coventry	2	Watford	3

Division III (North).

Accrington	0	Chesterfield	0
Ashington	1	Barrow	0
Hartlepool	2	Durham	1
Wigan	4	Nelson	2

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	2	Hearts	0
Bo'ness	1	Farrick T.	4
Clyde	3	Hamilton	1
Cowdenbeath	2	Aberdeen	2
Hibernians	3	Raith Rovers	2
Kilmarnock	2	Dunfermline	1
Motherwell	4	St. Mirren	0
Queen's Park	0	Falkirk	1
Rangers	5	Dundee	1
St. Johnstone	3	Celtic	5

Full League Tables.

The following tables show the positions of the teams in their respective leagues, Saturday's League matches have been taken into account in the compilation of them.

Division I.

Everton	18	10	6	2	53	24	28
Cardiff	18	5	7	3	36	35	23
Newcastle	18	9	4	5	39	31	22
Leicester	18	6	5	7	37	31	22
Huddersfield	17	8	4	5	40	30	20
Tottenham	18	8	4	6	34	33	20
Blackburn	19	6	8	5	25	20	20
Liverpool	18	6	7	5	44	32	19
Middlesbrough	18	7	5	6	42	38	19
Arsenal	17	7	5	6	36	33	19
Aston Villa	18	7	4	7	37	31	18
Manchester U.	17	8	3	7	37	30	17
West Ham	17	8	3	7	35	40	17
Burnley	18	8	1	9	34	42	17
Bury	18	8	1	9	34	42	17
Sunderland	18	6	4	8	35	37	16
Bolton	17	5	6	7	25	25	15
Birmingham	18	4	7	7	30	38	15
Sheffield U.	18	5	6	8	23	37	15
Wednesday	18	4	6	8	34	39	14
Derby	17	4	4	9	39	44	12
Portsmouth	18	3	5	10	29	38	11

OUR NEW SERIAL

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(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

CHAPTER XIX.

"I protest!"

The scene thus interrupted was almost medieval in character, although it was being enacted in the heart of modern London. In the days of the Angevin kings, indeed, the ancestors of the Dukes of Altringham had exercised the rights of the high and the low, justice, of wit and gallows. They had tried their serfs and vassals in their own baronial courts and sentenced them without appeal. Those privileges had long been taken away, yet now the living Duke was about to conduct a trial for a crime committed in his mansion, and to try it by a process like that in use in the England of a thousand years ago.

His Grace had placed himself in a high-backed armchair emblazoned with the arms of his House. The representative of the Home Office, occupied another chair beside him, a little in the rear. On the right of the Duke sat his family, the young Duchess, the Ladies Agatha and Rosa, and lastly Captain Theobald, his prospective son-in-law and guest. To the left were marshalled the entire body of the servants. The confidential steward stood slightly in advance of the file, holding a bowl of rice in his hands.

The Duke, who was not lacking in personal dignity, had opened the court with a brief but impressive address. He made no direct allusion to the previous murder, although by this time there must have been few present who had not seen the report of the inquest, and formed some conjecture on the subject. He referred in a few grave words to the discovery of that morning, and explained that it was uncertain whether Mademoiselle had perished by her own hand or another's.

Then, after describing the deadly character of the Nigerian poison, his Grace had gone on to say that the use of the arrow caused suspicion to fall on the native of Nigeria, who had asserted his innocence, and offered to prove it according to the custom of his people, by ordeal. The Duke indicated the nature of the test, and appealed to those present to conform to the ceremony as an earnest of their own integrity. Only in this way, their master told them, could they hope to satisfy the Home Office, represented by Dr. Tarleton, and avert the intervention of the police.

The address had produced a natural sensation. Some of the younger women began to sob. An uneasy feeling showed itself on the faces of all except George, who now stood for his former rebellion by directing stern looks at his subordinates. The faithful Burrows checked the growing agitation by volunteering to be the first to submit to the ordeal.

But the Duke remembered his pledge.

"No, Burrows, I shall set the example myself. In the hope that no one here will refuse to follow me."

And he had been in the act of reaching out his hand to the bowl when all present were startled by the interruption.

"I protest! This is a heathen magical rite, forbidden by the Church, and no Christian man or woman ought to take part in it!"

All eyes were turned to the Duke's eldest daughter as she thus boldly rebuked her father. Not a few of the servants' faces expressed relief and sympathy with her ladyship's sentiments. Why should respectable English men and women be called upon to practice such outlandish customs?

A subdued murmur of approval reached the Duke of Altringham's ears.

"Silence!" he commanded. "Agatha, I shall not argue with you; I know you too well. But if your fanaticism has not wholly overpowered your sense of propriety, you may remember that there is such a thing as the Fifth Commandment."

"I am obeying the Second," was the crushing retort. "My duty to shun idolatry comes before my duty to any earthly parent."

Lady Agatha stood up, sweeping the assembly for their weakness. Seeing that one was about to leave them, Captain Theobald hurriedly spoke to the negro, who nodded his head with a satisfied ear.

"It is all right, sir," the officer explained to the Duke. "I have told Lady Agatha that is what the natives call their religion—and that her jujitsu forbids her to take part in the ordeal. He quite understands."

Lady Agatha was visibly mortified at being let off on such terms.

"I am surprised at you, Frederick. Are there no missionaries in Nigeria? Doesn't this benighted creature understand the difference between Christianity and heathenism?"

"There, that will do, Agatha," interposed her father. "For my part I see little difference between such fanaticism as yours and the most savage jujitsu, or whatever it is called. Your religion has taught you to disobey your father, and that is enough for me. If you wish to retire, you can."

"Lady Agatha's wintry smile left her lips, and a tear sprang to her eyes under this public reproach. She bowed her head meekly, and passed out through the door."

Let her example should be followed the Duke lost no time in taking a spoonful of grains from the bowl held out by Burrows, and, cramming them into his mouth, he chewed them resolutely for a minute, and swallowed them with scarcely an effort.

He was about to pass the bowl on to his wife and daughter, when Tarleton leant over and whispered in his ear.

"Very true; you are quite right, thank you," his Grace answered, gratefully. "Dr. Tarleton has suggested that the ladies should be left to the last—I ought to have said the women. If the negro breaks down under the ordeal there will be no need to trouble them."

Fahai was standing apart from the other servants, not far from the door. He gazed earnestly at his judge, as though anxious to gather the sense of his words.

Meanwhile the Duchess had also rewarded the adviser to the Home Office with a pleased smile and bow. Hitherto her attitude towards the whole proceeding had been one of bored indifference. She sat looking on like a great lady who has dropped in to patronise a village show. Her husband's performance appeared to excite in her no feeling but aristocratic disgust, and she had been getting ready to go through her own part in the ceremony with a similar show of feeling.

Lady Rosa, on the other hand, was quivering with excitement. It was plain that she anticipated some tangible result from the ordeal, and awaited it with no little anxiety. She had watched her father eagerly, and drawn a breath of relief when he emerged satisfactorily from the test. But now it was Captain Theobald's turn, and her strained gaze in his direction testified that, whatever her motive for breaking off their engagement, it had not been any lessening of her love.

The Captain advanced, pale but determined, and helped himself from the steward's bowl. Before putting the grains between his lips he faced round to his black servant and pronounced a few native words.

"Excuse me, but may I ask what you just said?" called out the investigator.

Theobald half turned his head. "I only repeated the jujitsu phrase, asking that the rice might choke me if I was guilty." And he threw the spoonful into his mouth, to the accompaniment of a suppressed cry from the girl who had refused to be his.

Even the specialist was excited. If circumstantial evidence counted for anything the case against the English officer was far stronger than against the Nigerian savage. And the respect and sympathy he had come to feel for the Captain did not exclude the possibility that he had broken the law in discharge of a still higher obligation.

The soldier's face betrayed no emotion but sadness as he slowly got through his task. Only as he completed it successfully did he venture to cast one look towards his sweetheart, a look that seemed to ask if the result had made any difference to their relations. But the girl hung her head, and her secret anguish went unperceived by everybody except the keen-eyed specialist.

And now it was time for the test to be applied to the person who had first proposed it. The English manservants could not reasonably be asked to submit to the ordeal unless the negro's innocence were first established. In their case, as in that of the two gentlemen, the ordeal could not be considered a decisive test. There was no superstition to affect the nerves of a white man; the most hardened European criminal might have swallowed whole handfuls of rice without a tremor. Fahai's case it was very different. The whole power of the jujitsu which he firmly believed was invoked to detect him if he lied.

The negro walked up the room shivering, his black face turning

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HE WHO LAUGHS LAST.

GUNNERY DEVICE THAT WAS ONCE SCORNED.

AN INVENTOR'S CLAIM.

A gun firing device which, it was said, was "laughed to scorn" when first produced, but is now the standard fitting, was the subject of a claim made before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors sitting in London recently.

The invention is one enabling a number of quick-firing guns to be fired by the depression of one key, and the claimant was Lieut.-Commander W. Vaughan, formerly a naval gunner, and now gunnery instructor at Whale Island, Portsmouth.

The official description of the invention was an electro-mechanical firing gear.

Mr. K. Shelley, for Lieut.-Commander Vaughan, said that when the claimant first produced the device he was "laughed to scorn" by those in authority.

The problem of firing a number of 15-inch guns from one point was comparatively easy. With the pressing of a key an electric circuit was closed, causing an explosion to take place in the breach of the gun, where the charge was already lying in silk bags. The time elapsing between depressing the key and firing the gun was about one-fiftieth of a second. It was a very different matter to fire quick-firing guns in the same way, as they had to be fired by percussion.

The problem became very pressing, somewhere about May 1916, because "director" firing was then being introduced in the 15-inch guns, and the similar firing of smaller guns was entirely unsolved.

Lt. Comdr. Vaughan set his mind to work on the problem, and solved it by "a highly ingenious method characterised by essential simplicity." The electric tube used in the firing of the 15-inch guns generated a good deal of heat, and there was a great amount of force when the flame shot out of the tube. Mr. Vaughan used the force of the flame to "trip" the trigger of the gun. The gun could be thus fired fourteen to fifteen times a minute, which was all that was required.

The invention cost about £16 a set to produce, compared with the £100 of other suggested methods. It is now the standard fitting.

Mr. Trevor Watson, for the Crown, said he was not suggesting it was not a very useful device, and there was obviously a case for award. Other people had been trying to solve the problem without success.

The Commission's decision will be made known in due course.

A crude wooden model of a gun was used to demonstrate to the Court another invention—a percussion firing gun—in connection with which Lieut.-Commander Vaughan was also concerned.

Mr. Shelley said that from the time of Nelson the method of firing a gun was to pull a lanyard, which operated the trigger.

This extraordinarily crude method was in operation until times comparatively recent, he said. It was necessary to have a secondary method of firing in case the primary method failed, and it was essential to provide that the gun crew were clear of the gun, the breach block was fully home, and the discharge could take place without endangering the ship's structure.

Mr. Vaughan's device, it was claimed, met these requirements. It had become a standard fitting.

Giving evidence, Mr. Vaughan said, except for making a noise, the method of firing by lanyard had no practical use.

The man who levelled the gun was not the man who pulled the trigger. He yelled out "fire" to the man with the lanyard, who, when he woke up, pulled the lanyard. (Laughter.)

With the present mechanism the same man, keeping his eyes on the sights, fired the gun. The hand of the operator was pushed away should he be holding the trigger when the breach was put back.

After hearing arguments on both sides the Commission adjourned. Their decision will be announced later.

Lieut.-Colonel Vivian Gabriel, who restored at his own expense the Auberge of England which used to belong to the Knights of St. John at Rhodes, has offered to bear the expense of restoring the ducaal palace of Gubbio, in the Umbrian Apennines, one of the most famous monuments of Renaissance architecture in Italy.

In his letter to Signor Mussolini, Colonel Gabriel recalls the fact that he is descended from the well-known family of Gabrielli of Gubbio. The estimated cost of the restoration is nearly £6,000.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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China Buses, \$14 sa.
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Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.
Watsons, \$11 n.
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Sinceres, \$31 n.
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Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19 b.
Constructions, \$13 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 55 1/2 b.
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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

THE WORLD AND STAR THEATRES.

While the big picture at the Queen's Theatre, the special comedy, "We're in the Navy Now," has still one more day to run, the principal pictures at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre will be screened for the last time to-day.

The former is "Red Dice," a melodrama in which Rod La Rocque plays the role of a young man who insures his life for \$100,000 and promises to commit suicide within a year in return for \$300 to help a friend in need. Marguerite de la Motte plays the part of the young woman he marries to lull the suspicions of the insurance company. A surprise climax brings the picture to a happy ending.

The picture at the Star Theatre is Hoot Gibson's latest Western comedy, "A Hero On Horseback," in which the popular cowboy star has another dashing role that will delight his numerous admirers in Kowloon.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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A Jamaica correspondent reports that the elected members of the Legislative Council have unanimously expressed their opposition to the Colony's participation

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—St. Louis, Dec. 11.

A special court of three federal judges has sustained the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission of St. Louis in the O'Fallon railway case whereby the valuation of the railway property should be on the basis of a prudent investment instead of on the cost of building railways to-day. The case of this nine-mile coal railway, which affects the valuation of all railways in the United States has been called the "greatest lawsuit in history" because of the immense sum involved. The Commission's counsel said that the difference between the valuation of nation's railways on the basis advocated by the railways and the basis adopted by the commission was at least eleven billion dollars.

Reuter's American Service.
New York, Dec. 11.
There has been heavy selling of railway shares on the New York Stock Exchange, stocks declining from one to three points due to the announcement that the St. Louis-O'Fallon appeal had been denied.—Reuter's American Service.

VISITING GENEVA.

SIR RONALD GRAHAM TO SEE
FOREIGN MINISTER.

—London, Dec. 10.

Sir Ronald Graham, the British Ambassador at Rome, is visiting Sir Austen Chamberlain at Geneva to-day. Sir Ronald Graham has not seen the British Foreign Secretary for over a year, and the latter's presence in Geneva offers a favourable opportunity for a discussion of questions on which the Ambassador has intimate knowledge.—British Wireless.

CIVIL AVIATION.

COOLIDGE SUGGESTS A
CONFERENCE.

—Washington, Dec. 10.

President Coolidge has written to the Civil Aeronautics Conference which is at present in session here, recommending an international civil aviation conference to be held at Washington on December 28, which is the twenty-fifth anniversary of man's first flight (by Orville Wright) in a heavier-than-air machine.—Reuter's American Service.

THE STEEL CARTEL.

DECISION ON NEXT YEAR'S
PRODUCTION.

—Brussels, Dec. 11.

The Continental Steel Cartel has decided to maintain the first three months of 1928 production contingent with that for the last three months of 1927. The German members who have not adhered to the regulation output, will pay a fine.—Reuter.

PEACE OF WAR?

DRAMATIC INCIDENT AT
GENEVA.

—Geneva, Dec. 11.

At a meeting of the Council of the League to-night the Polish and Lithuanian representatives agreed to the resolution "that a state of war between members of the League is incompatible with the Covenant."

A secret meeting of the Council was held in Sir Eric Drummond's room and attended by M. Pilsudski and M. Valdemaras, who reached an agreement in principle on the Poland-Lithuania dispute on the basis of a resumption of a state of peace and a resumption of diplomatic neighbourly relations.

A Dramatic Incident.

The speedy progress made in connexion with the settlement of the dispute is attributed to a dramatic incident which occurred during the conference amid the formal bargaining.

"It is reported that Pilsudski turned towards Valdemaras the Lithuanian Premier, and asked bluntly, 'Is it peace or war you want?'"

Valdemaras, astonished at this brusque candour, hesitated, and replied "We want peace."

Pilsudski then rejoined, "Then I have nothing more to do here. Zaleski will remain to draft the formula. I am going to order the *te deum* in all Polish churches."

Van Bokland the rapporteur appointed by the League, is at present drawing up the formula for submission to both parties. In the meantime the Lithuanians who are seeking a declaration that the Vilna question is not regarded as definitely settled, appear less sanguine than the Poles.

Agreement Accepted.

—Later.

Fears of a last-minute hitch to prevent the Poland and Lithuania agreement were banished by a special meeting of the Council at 10.45 to-night to which members were suddenly summoned, many from dinner parties.

Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister announced, "On behalf of Poland I accept the agreement."

Valdemaras then rose and said, "On behalf of Lithuania, I accept the agreement."

The proceedings lasted fifteen minutes, and adjourned amid congratulations and hand shakings. Interviewed earlier, Sir Austen Chamberlain said Russia must be congratulated in connexion with the agreement as it was understood M. Litvinoff had used his influence to emphasise that a state of war between Poland and Lithuania must be terminated.—Reuter.

Independent Observers.

—London, Dec. 10.

Acting on instructions from Geneva, the British, French and Italian military attaches or their deputies in Warsaw and Riga have proceeded to the Polish Lithuanian frontier to acquaint themselves with military dispositions in that area, and to assure themselves that there is no danger of incidents.—Reuter.

NO PROGRESS.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS
UNCHANGED.

—London, Dec. 10.

The Daily Herald's Geneva correspondent interviewed Sir Austen Chamberlain on the subject of the Litvinoff conversation.

Sir Austen said that he had done his utmost to impress on M. Litvinoff that Britain was not planning an attack against Russia overtly or covertly, or to isolate the Soviets by means of a continental bloc.

Sir Austen was inclined to regard the meeting with Litvinoff as premature, since neither the British nor the Russian Government has changed its position as regards questions of dispute. Therefore, there had been no progress.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CRIME.

ANOTHER TRAM INSPECTOR
MURDERED.

—Shanghai, Dec. 10.

The tram inspector who was shot by agitators on Wednesday died this morning.

Another Chinese inspector was shot and killed at tiffin time at Dixwell Road. It appears that two men called at his residence and enquired about rooms to let. The inspector was showing them upstairs when one of them pulled out a gun and shot him through the temple after which they closed door and let off firecrackers, entirely misleading a policeman twenty yards away. The murderers escaped without being pursued.—Reuter.

NEW CABLE SERVICE.

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THE FAR EAST.

—London, Dec. 11.

The Eastern Telegraph Co's cable ship, *Colonia* has left the Thames to lay two new cables between Alexandria and Port Said which will connect the new underground lines now being laid between Port Said and Suez. The complete scheme will enable a "regenerator" working between London and India and the further East.—Reuter.

Incidents likely to complicate Pacific settlement of dispute. The League Council's suggestion that this should be done was welcomed by representatives of both the Polish and Lithuanian Governments. The presence and evidence of independent observers on the spot will, it is believed, have a reassuring effect.—British Wireless.

Unprecedented Scene.

—Geneva, Dec. 11.

There was a curious sight, unprecedented in the League's history, when in response to the sudden summons Council members rushed to the Secretariat, some clad in evening dress and others specially attired for local carnival proceedings.—Reuter.

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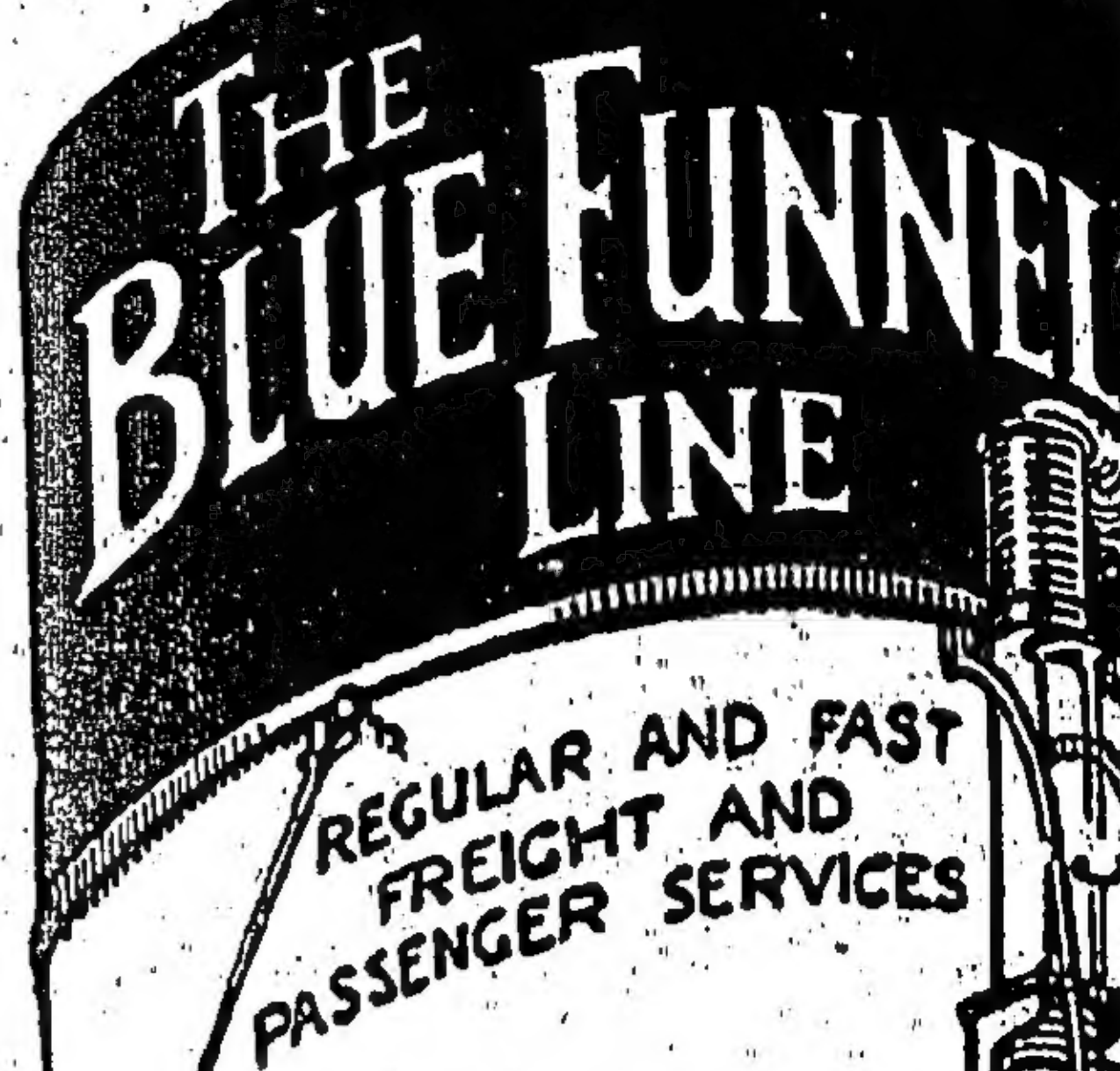
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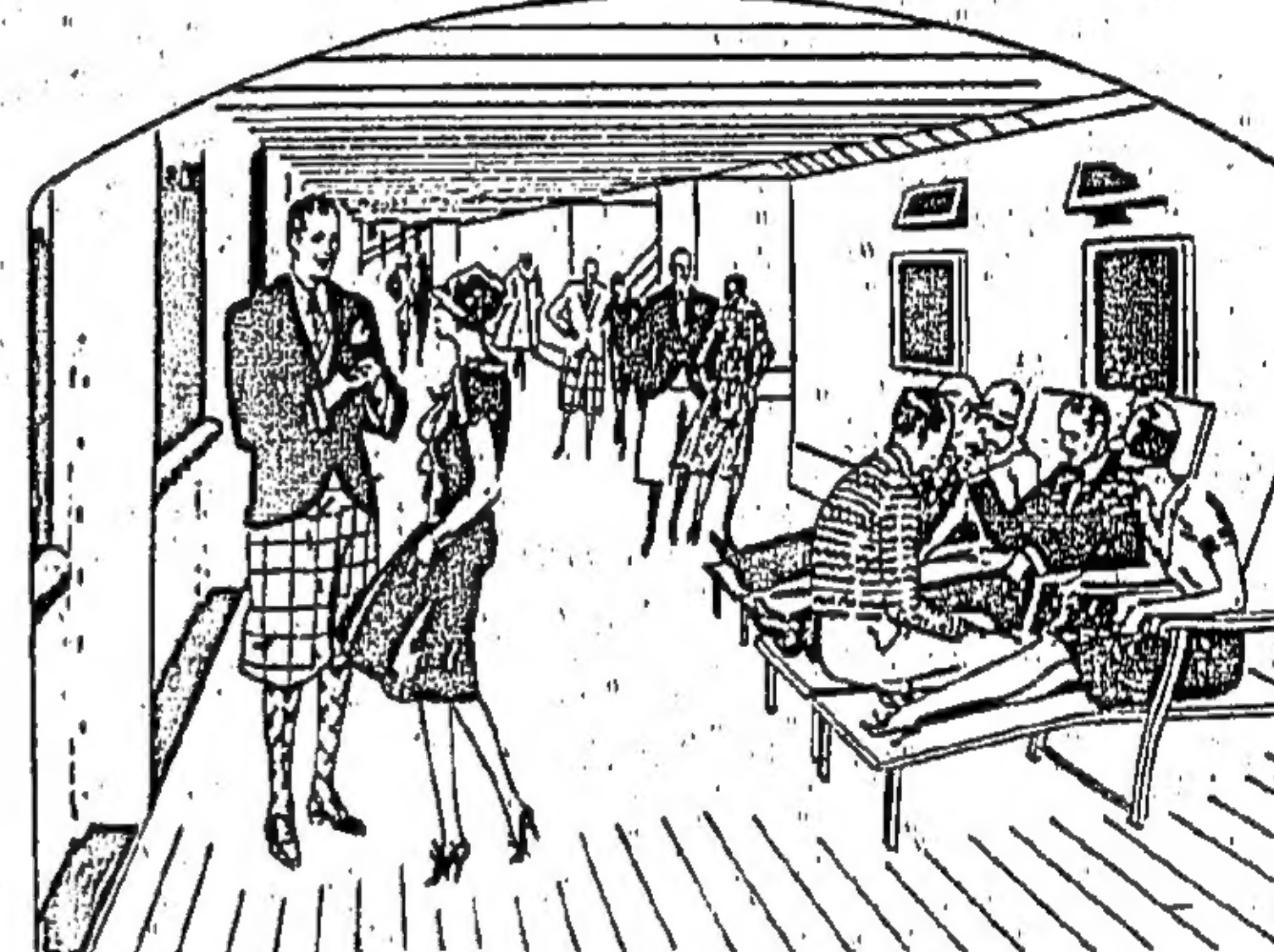
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Considerable alarm was caused in the Colony on Saturday night when it was learned that the police had received a wireless message from the master of the Lungshan that the Tung On, a river boat running between Hongkong and Canton, expected to be pirated on its way to Hongkong. A huge crowd gathered on the waterfront to greet the Lungshan's arrival for news of the Tung On, and when at 10 p.m. the Lungshan tied up, they were relieved to learn that no piracy had actually taken place.

The first news was received in Hongkong at 6.45, when the Captain of the Lungshan wireless that the master of the Tung On had intimated to him that he expected his boat to be pirated near Sampanschau. Police officers, headed by Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, boarded the Lungshan when she arrived and it was then learned that the Captain of the boat had received a message from the master of the Tung On, which read, "Expect to be pirated off Sampanschau-Moi." The Lungshan kept in continual touch with the Tung On by wireless until 9.15 p.m. and at the same time the Hongkong Naval authorities were being kept informed.

On arrival of the Tung On at a late hour on Saturday, Captain Maier, on being interviewed, said that he received intimation of the pirates' intention a few minutes before four in the afternoon. The information was to the effect that an attempt would be made by pirates to surprise the boat when it was in the vicinity of Apichau. That would be at 7 p.m. when the ship changed watch.

The Captain, continuing his story, said that in Canton a stranger had approached one of his seamen and had put to him several questions regarding the engine room and wires over the bridge. The sailor had remained reticent, and when the stranger invited him to a tea-house, he refused to go. When he had an opportunity of doing so, he communicated with the Captain.

The Naval Officer at Canton, on being approached by the Captain, suggested that the ship should leave on her trip under escort. It was discovered, however, that no escort was available and eventually it was decided to keep in close touch with both Hongkong and Canton by wireless.

The Captain expressed the opinion that he believed that there was something in the story which reached him. He pointed out that Sampanschau would be an ideal place for pirates to surprise a boat and added that the pirates would have little respect for the Bocca Tigris Forts.

SAILORS DUCKED.

BOAT CAPSIZES IN THE HARBOUR.

A party of sailors from H.M.S. Herald who were bound for the shore on Saturday afternoon when off duty, had a severe ducking when the boat capsized and threw them into the water, necessitating their swimming to land. Luckily there were no casualties.

It appears that one of the ship's boats manned by four sailors left H.M.S. Herald at half past one on Saturday afternoon but a sudden squall caused the boat to overturn when nearing Hongkong. The boat sank and the sailors had no option but to swim ashore which they did, reaching dry land on the reclamation near Wanchai. Here they hired a sampan and returned to H.M.S. Herald to get into dry clothes.

Divers have been sent down to try and locate the boat but with what result is not at present known.

SAMOA UNREST.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Wellington, Dec. 11.

At the conclusion of the investigation on the spot of the complaints against the administration of Samoa by the self-constituted citizens' committee headed by a merchant named Nelson, the Royal Commission has voluminously reported that the conditions under which the Samoans sold copra to the traders are unjust and unreasonable.

The report accuses the administrator of a charge of financial extravagance and also of the allegation that he duped the appointed native Parliament without fully consulting the people.

The Commission upholds the administrator's action in compelling the dispersal of rebellious natives, and says that the Samoans were in no wise dissatisfied with the administration prior to a certain public meeting on October 26 at the house of a European which was attended by Europeans and Samoans.

The report condemns the action of the Europeans mixing with the Samoans for the purpose of ventilating purely native grievances, and finally declares that the accusation that the administrator has not paid due regard to the customs and feelings of the natives was unfounded. The report finds against the administration only on three minor points.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN NAVY.

REAR-ADMIRAL MAGRUDER TO EXPLAIN.

Washington, Dec. 10.

In the House of Representatives, Senator Butler, the chairman of the Naval Committee announced that the Committee had proposed to summon Rear-Admiral Magruder, former commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, before it for the purpose of investigating his allegations of the Navy Department's inefficiency.

Charges of Graft.
The Senate has ordered an immediate investigation by a special committee of the Senate into the charges published that Mexico paid three United States Senators \$1,200,000.

Senator Reed, who submitted the resolution, declared "As long as these charges remain in print (undecided), the integrity of every Senator is at stake."—*Reuter's American Service.*

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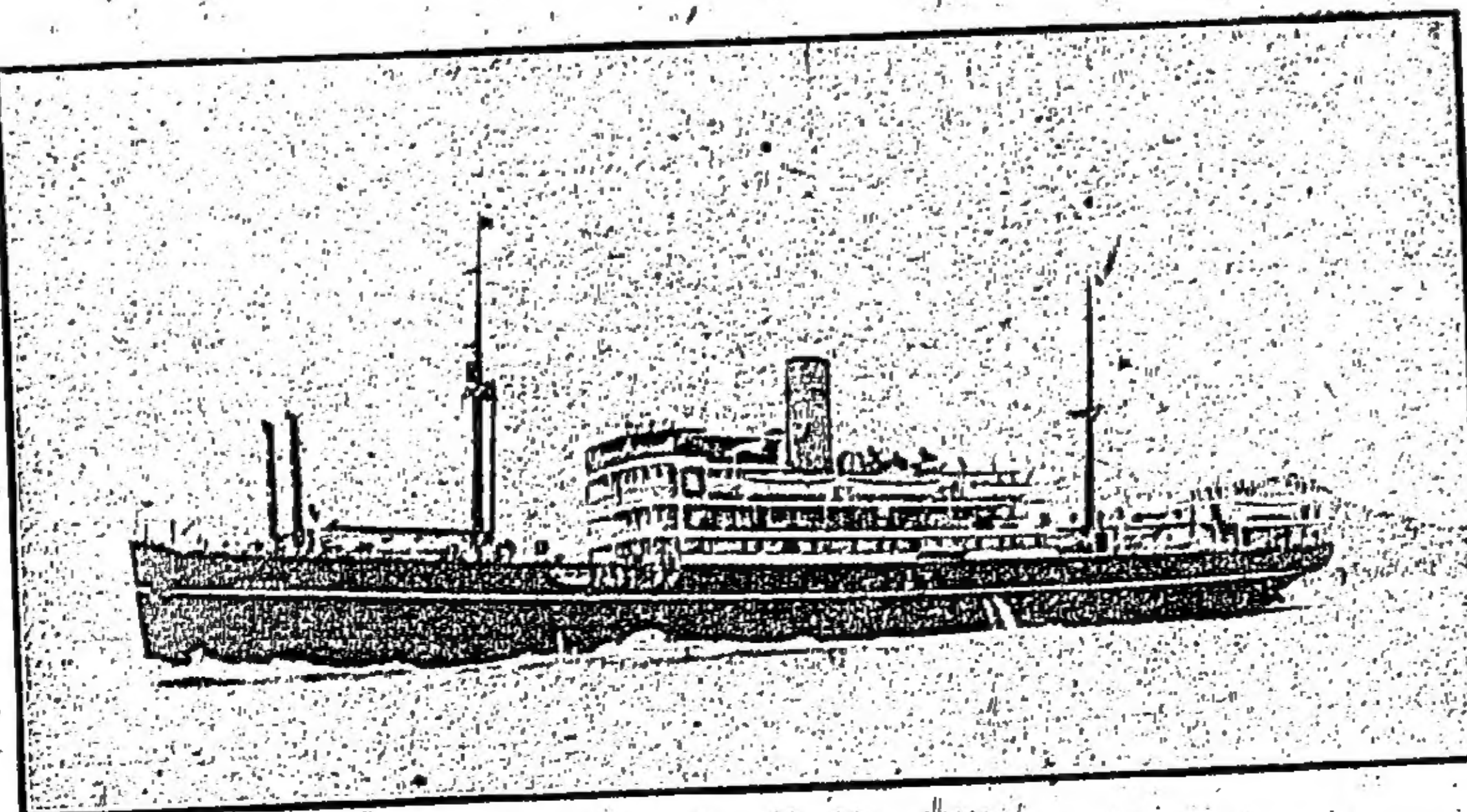
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INDIAN BOYCOTT.

AGA KHAN SAYS IT IS DOOMED.

Bombay, Dec. 10.

His Highness the Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the powerful Muslim sect, has condemned the proposed boycott of the Statutory Commission and has declared the boycott to be foredoomed to failure.—*Reuter.*

AVIATOR HONOURED.

REPRESENTATIVES VOTE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL.

Washington, Dec. 11.

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MOREA	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
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TAKLIWA	7,936	24th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan. 1928.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
NELLORE	6,853	14th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
TANDA	6,556	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
*NAGPORE	5,283	17th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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RED REBELS CAPTURE CANTON.

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chants that Communist labourers and peasants were invading the city in large numbers, management of the large shops, hotels, and banks, had a busy time removing all their account books and money and other valuables to places which they were believed to be safe.

Later, fires broke out and it is estimated that from 70 to 100 houses were gutted. It is said that the "Red" rebels took advantage of the fact that the majority of the Canton troops under the "Ironsides" leadership, were despatched recently to the west and East River. Canton is now in a chaotic state, though fighting is said to have ceased.

When the coup was first effected early yesterday morning, the troops under General Mok Hung bravely resisted the attack. A severe struggle ensued in the eastern suburb of the city, but the soldiers of General Mok were outnumbered and they were eventually disarmed.

General Wang Ki-cheung and General Chang Fat-kwai, are said to have fled and are now on gunboats which are still supporting the "Ironsides." The Chief of the Canton Police, Mr. Chu Fai-yi, is believed to have made good his escape by going to Honam.

At Honam.

Honam is quiet, but martial law has been declared and the soldiers of the 5th Army, under General Li Fuk-lam, are still controlling. Though the attitude of Li Fuk-lam has not yet been known, it is supposed that Li will also support and continue to be loyal to the "Ironsides."

The Communists, when they started the coup first attacked the Public Safety Bureau, the headquarters of the Police. All the Policemen were disarmed. Looting and ransacking were carried on in some parts of the city.

Complete Control.

Communists have completely gained control of the Headquarters of the 4th Army, the Canton Garrison Commander's Headquarters, the Military Council, the Kuomintang Provincial Association, the Telephone, Telegraph, Electric Bureaux, the Central Bank, the post office, the offices of the Yuen-han Railway, Canton-Samshui Railway, and Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Immediately after the insurrection, a notification was issued "comforting" the people by the China Communists Youth's Association. All the printers at Canton had a day's holiday to celebrate the victory of the Communists yesterday. All the prisoners kept at the Public Safety Bureau were released by the "Red" labourers, who also destroyed all the books and officials' documents at the Public Safety Bureau immediately after their victorious entry.

"Red" Report Issued.

The "Reds" issued a pamphlet, entitled "Facts of the Canton Soviet Revolution." The pamphlet declared that to effect a "Red" revolution at Canton, the Communist labourers, peasants and soldiers joined hands to repudiate all the anti-"Red" elements in the city on December 11th, at 4 a.m.

The coup was conducted with 5,000 men, of the "Red" armed corps. The pamphlet continued to say how the revolutionists succeeded in controlling the various Governmental and other administrative at Canton, and concluded by saying that other anti-"Red" elements will have to be cleared out soon, to make Canton the centre of a Communist movement.

Well-informed Chinese circles are of the opinion that the new regime in Canton will exist for but a very short spell, as news from Canton this morning was to the effect that the "Ironsides" under General Wang Ki-cheung and Chang Fat-kwai, are coming down from the West River districts—Shuhing, Dosing and Samshui—for Canton, leaving by the Canton-Samshui Railway. The "Reds" inside Canton will probably be greatly outnumbered.

Chance for Kwangsi.

This will give the Kwangsi armies supporting General Li Chai-sun, the recently deposed Commander-in-Chief at Canton, the great chance of coming down to re-take Canton from both the present "Red" insurgents and the "Ironsides."

The Central Bank was ransacked by the "Reds" who entered and collected probably all the notes and money, says a vernacular report.

The Public Safety Bureau has been turned into the office of the Association of the Red Labourers, Peasants and Soldiers. All the former officials of the said Bureau took to their heels.

"Red" pamphlets and slogans written on red cloth were seen all

over the streets and roads, which were patrolled by soldiers and labourers with red scarves.

Canton was quiet yesterday afternoon, but the conditions in the city are still precarious, and the populace were in a most apprehensive state, not knowing what the "Reds" would do next.

A Canton report declares, "One of our reporters who ventured out to find news during the coup, while approaching the Public Safety Bureau met some released prisoners from the bureau and the prisoners, who were chained, came up to the reporter and begged him to unshackle the chains. Having no iron implements at the moment, the reporter could do nothing. Policemen who were on the scene and who saw what was going on, did not interfere."

SHIPPING SERVICES.

No Great Interference.

From other sources it is learned that the interference with Hongkong-Canton traffic lasted but a short while, and that the crew of the s.s. Taishan returned to work yesterday, allowing the vessel to sail for Hongkong at daylight to-day.

It is thought that the situation will right itself in quick time, and the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company will continue its present service. The s.s. Fat-shan sailed this morning as usual, in accordance with schedule.

The s.s. Kinshan, with a bigger passenger list than usual, is due to arrive from Canton this afternoon, an hour or so after the arrival of the Taishan.

The reign of terror has resulted in considerable disturbance of all traffic. No train left for Canton this morning and there was only one river steamer sailing, the Fat-shan, of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, taking up relief crews to bring other vessels down, should this be necessary. This vessel should have sailed at midnight, but was despatched at short notice this morning. An American who arrived from Canton by the Sai On at 12.15 this morning, states that law and order have ceased and the city is in the throes of a great upheaval.

"Sai On's" Scratch Crew.

The tale told by passengers arriving by s.s. Sai On is typical of conditions prevailing. On Sunday the crew of this vessel were forced out by intimidators and compelled to take up arms on the sides of the "Reds" in the general attack, the only members of the staff remaining on board being one cook, one steward and two or three "boys" who managed to elude the pickets.

Under the circumstances the master appealed to the S. N. O. in the port and an armed guard, under a Lieutenant, with Lewis gun crews and two stokers for working the fires took the vessel out to a buoy in midstream. There were then approximately 1,000 passengers and refugees on board and a scratch stokehold gang were called upon from these.

Subsequently, half a dozen candidates claiming knowledge of the duties were gathered and set to work, after which, the armed guard left and proceeded to s.s. Taishan. The Sai On was able to clear the Whampoa Force just before darkness and thus was able to reach Hongkong at 12.15 this morning. On the way down, Chief Engineer Dwyer and Second Engineer Simpson worked alternately in control of the stokehold and engine room, while Captain J. Campbell and Chief Officer Going relieved each other at the wheel, there being neither pilot nor quartermasters on board.

From Canton, E. M. S. Moohan escorted the Sai On down the Reach and then returned to her observation post off the city, where a Japanese and a French gunboat had also taken up station, cleared for action, while the U. S. S. Sacramento, also cleared for action, had shipped a field gun and limber in a launch, ready for despatch to shore if needed.

It is understood that vessels berthed at wharves were taken into midstream by the Naval guards preparatory for departure to Hongkong this morning. It is anticipated that the Kinshan will arrive this afternoon, but as the Fat-shan is not fitted with wireless, and should arrive at Canton late this afternoon, the Kinshan will be the last conveyer of news from the area.

RAILWAY SERVICES.

No Trains To-day.

The railway services between Kowloon and Canton have been interrupted owing to the latest developments in the latter city.

The morning express from Kowloon, which left at 8.05 yesterday, and the slow train which departed at 9.10 a.m. yesterday, had to return, owing to the Canton fighting. They both reached Namkong, about 17 miles from Canton, when it was deemed inadvisable to continue further.

No trains left Kowloon to-day, and the service has been suspended until further notice.

THE QUEEN DONS AN APRON.

CHECKS GIFTS FOR SICK AND POOR.

Privileged visitors to the Imperial Institute at South Kensington the other day saw the Queen, an apron over her black dress, helping to check and sort the thousands of garments which have been collected by members of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, for distribution among London's sick and poor. No matter what the calls upon her time may be, this is a duty which she never delegates even to a lady-in-waiting, and she will probably spend the next day or two at the Institute checking lists until all the bales and packages have been dealt with.

No special arrangements are made for the Queen's reception when the Guild work awaits her each November. She regards the occasion as pre-eminently a business one, and when she arrived on a recent morning, went straight to one of the smaller rooms to take off an outdoor coat and have an apron tied over her dress. The handful of women who work with her at this particular task each year met her in one of the long galleries where the parcels of garments have been accumulated and stored during the last few days, and there were practically no formalities before the business of checking began.

The Queen herself goes through each list. It is taken from the parcel and handed to her. The list of clothing it concerns is read out, and if they tally, the garments are passed to one or other of the huge heaps to which they belong, either men's, or women's, or children's, and another one is tackled.

Royal Family's Contributions. The Queen's own gifts and the contributions of the Royal Family were dealt with by a lady-in-waiting. There are gifts—mostly useful clothing for boys and men—from the King, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, and Prince George. Princess Mary, who is one of the presidents of the Guild, has her own contribution and her own parcels of goods. The Prince of Wales, by the way, used to make woollen comforters on a wooden frame for the Guild when he was a small boy, and since then has always contributed a certain number of garments.

The Queen gave up part of the day to inspecting as many as possible of the garments. It was no perfunctory inspection. She gave little tags to tapes to see that they were sewn on firmly, looked critically at baby clothes—especially little woolly jackets which she herself is fond of knitting and crocheting—and examined buttonholes and the heels of socks with great care. Occasionally comments were made and notes jotted down about the parcels.

The Queen and all the helpers lunched together in one of the rooms at the Institute—a happy, informal meal at which conversation was general. Lunch was sent to the Institute from Buckingham Palace, to which the Queen returned late in the afternoon.

HONGKONG FOOD PRICES.

MOTION FOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. Wong Kowling will propose the following motion:

That this Board recommends that legislation be introduced to provide means for the control and regulation of food prices in the Colony.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Freshwater or tide-water tortoise. 2. A district of lakes and swamps in Southern Florida. 3. (a) Priest of Tibet. (b) South American animal. 4. (a) Colt. (b) cricket. (c) Ruby. (d) cricket. (e) lawn tennis. 5. Japanese order of knighthood. 6. White evening dress. 7. Historic banquet given each October in Sheffield by members of the Cutlers' Company. 8. Field-Marshal Hindenburg. 9. Breeding room. 10. Continental railway sleeping car. 11. (a) Free from germs. (b) germ destroying. 12. Louis XVI. of France. 13. American. 14. William Shakespeare. 15. Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Mary had three husbands: (1) Dauphin of France, (2) Lord Darnley, (3) Earl of Bothwell.

The Royal Aero Club announce that the height attained by Mrs. Elliott-Lynn (now Lady Heath) on October 8 in an Avro Avian was 5,268 metres, and as this is exactly the same height as that attained by Lady Bailey on a D. H. Moth on July 5, there is no change in the holder of the altitude "record." Lady Bailey, therefore, remains credited with the "record" for the two-seater-class, light aeroplane.

Mrs. Elliott-Lynn at the time she made her attempt at Woodford aerodrome believed that she had reached a height of 19,000ft. but the subsequent corrections to the sealed barograph have discounted this figure.

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